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PART I

FOREWORD

This annotated bibliography on Books for Handicapped Children, prepared as part of Unesco's contribution to the International Year for Disabled Persons, 1981, is intended to focus attention on the vital role that books can play in the integration of handicapped children into the everyday world around them.

It consists of a list of a vast range of children's books currently available worldwide, published for and about handicapped children. This list is by no means exhaustive and is primarily intended for use by all concerned - publishers, authors, illustrators, librarians, teachers, parents and other interested bodies - as a stepping stone for further research and activity in this field. The bibliography is presented in two parts of which Part I includes entries from Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Denmark, Spain, France and the United Kingdom. Part II covers entries from Greece, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Iran, Japan, Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Poland, Romania, Argentina, Chile, Sweden, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, United States of America and Yugoslavia. The entries themselves are presented in the original language followed by the English translation, and include relevant bibliographical data complete with the reader's age group, as well as a brief description of content.

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INTRODUCTION

The question of the production of books for and about underprivileged groups and notably for handicapped children and young people, has over the years become a matter of growing concern worldwide. This preoccupation has been reflected by the International Youth Library through its series of special exhibitions highlighting current trends in literature for children and young people.

The present bibliography, prepared on behalf of Unesco for the International Year for Disabled Persons, 1981, is aimed at providing as large a collection as possible of materials available in print for and about handicapped children and young people. Envisaged as a working document, it is intended to serve as a stimulant for future activity undertaken by the various international bodies concerned with this problem, particularly the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), the International Research Society for Children's Literature (IRSCL) and the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL). The IYL is also well aware of the need for expansion, completion and updating of this publication through further research and cooperation in areas like medicine, special education and physical- and psycho-therapy, and intends to pursue its efforts in this field.

The titles selected in this bibliography are based on contributions both from the IYL and book specialists contacted worldwide. They represent juvenile literature only and are arranged alphabetically by country, according to the symbols of the international automobile code (i.e.: A=Austria; AUS=Australia; B=Belgium; etc.). In the case of countries with more than one language, immediately following the country code symbol, a lower case letter/letters designating the language is/are placed (i.e., CHf = Switzerland, French language; Ek = Spain, Catalan language; SUlit = Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Lithuanian language). Within each grouping by country, the books are listed alphabetically by author.

The following data is provided for each entry: author, title (in original language and English), illustrator, city of publication, publisher and date of publication. Wherever translation occurs, the title on which the translation is based appears first. This is followed by an English translation of that title, after which the original title is given.

Example: Bergman, Thomas Fingre som ser. (Fingers that see; Swed. orig. title: Fingrar som ser.)

A wide selection of titles is presented, which may also give an idea of the book production situation for any given country. For each title, there is a short explanatory note along with the approximate recommended reading age. The materials may be divided into three categories:

1) Books <u>for</u> handicapped children and young adults.

2) Children's and youth books <u>about</u> the handicapped.

3) Books written expressly for young adults <u>about</u> the problems of the handicapped (i.e. diaries, journals and observations by parents, teachers and therapists about handicapped children).

It must be pointed out that the majority of books in this publication falls within the second category. Though not very positive, this is an indication of the present trend in the production of this type of literature: more is written "about" handicapped children than expressly "for" them, and "from" their point of view, a perspective which would be of infinite value in giving them a sense of worth and in helping them to better adjust to their individual situations. It is hoped that the impetus of the International Year for Disabled Persons will help to correct the obvious imbalance in approach to this subject.

In addition to the above mentioned three categories, the particular type of handicap is placed immediately after the number designation. Thus, the reader may approach the material from several angles: country, language, author, reading age, category and particular type of handicap.

In concluding this introduction, the International Youth Library would like to thank its staff of the International Youth Library, and the many people all over the world (particularly publishers, editors, teachers, librarians, authors and other children's book specialists), for their generous cooperation and collaboration and without whose assistance, this publication could not have been realized.

Buck, Pearl S.: Geliebtes unglückliches Kind ... (Amer. orig. title: The child who never grew.)

Wien: Paul Zsolnay 1962.

This famous writer narrates the story of her own mentally handicapped daughter.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Southall, Ivan: Der verbotene Baum. (Eng. orig. title: Let the balloon go.)

Ill.: Erich Hölle.

Wien: Überreuter Verlag 1974.

The 12-year-old John tries to break out of his world of limitations caused by his handicap.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Wrightson, Patricia: Mir gehört die Rennbahn. (Eng. orig. title: I own the racecourse.)

Wien: Verlag Jungbrunnen 1974.

12-year-old Andy, mentally handicapped, buys a racecourse for 3 dollars. How shall his friends act now? Andy imagines his purchase as a reality.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Levoy, Myron: Alan and Naomi.

Hornsby, N.S.W.: Bodley Head 1979.

When Alan's mother insists that he be friendly with the new refugee girl, he resists, saying he can't understand her. Naomi is shy, withdrawn, afraid of everything, but as he makes gentle overtures, and begins to know her, he likes her and tries to help her in spite of himself.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.Hand.

Shennan, Victoria: Ben. Ill.: Michael Charlton.

Sydney: Bodley Head 1980.

Colorful illustrations with short text for pre-school and primary children showing Ben, suffering from mongolism, going to school, his activities there, and his playtime with his family in a park.

Reading age: 3-7 / 2 - Ment.hand.

Southall, Ivan: Hill's end.

Cremone, NSW: Angus & Robinson 1966.

During a climb to mountain caves by a teacher and seven children, Butch, a retarded member of the group, stops along the way to rest. After a cyclone hits, the teacher is terrified and goes back to try to find him. She collapses near Butch, who finds her and takes care of her.

Reading age: 12 / 2 Ment.Hand.

Southall, Ivan: Let the baloon go.

Sydney: Methuen of Australia 1978.

John, a twelve-year old boy suffering from cerebral-palsy, has been over-protected by his mother. One day when she has gone to the city, his frustrations overcome her warnings - he must do something on his own. Deciding to build a tree-house, he climbs to the very top of a tree, but can't get down.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.hand.

Spence, Eleanor: The nothing place.

Melbourne: Oxford University Press 1975.

When Glen has a severe hearing loss after an illness, he tries to conceal it. But the children at school notice and raise money to buy him a hearing aid. Thinking of this as pity, Glen runs away, gets bitten by a dog at a shopping centre and is taken home.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.hand.

Spence, Eleanor: The October child.

Melbourne: Oxford University Press 1976.

"A sympathetic story about the problems of bringing up an autistic child." Recommended in Children's Book Council of Australia BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, 7th edition.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Emot.Hand.

Sutcliff, Rosemary: Warrior Scarlet.

Melbourne: Oxford University Press.

A handicapped boy's battle for acceptance by his tribe in pre-historic Britain.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Taylor, Theodore: The cay.

Sydney: The Bodley Head.

Phillip, suddenly blinded during a shipwreck, and an old Black man both struggle on a small island for survival. The boy's attitude towards Blacks changes as the man helps him, and his sensitiveness and appreciation develop.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Wrightson, Patricia: I own the racecourse.

Richmund: Hutchinson 1967.

Andy, mentally slow, buys the racecourse for three dollars. He spends his time there, and the track people become his friends. In addition, he becomes a personality to others who know him.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys. handic.

Barokas, Bernard: La révolte d'Ayachi. (The revolt of Ayachi.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1975.

The revolt of Ayachi, a young Moroccan and the problem of integration of illegal immigrants. At the end he gives up. He understands that he must struggle at home for social justice.

Reading age: 14-15 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Bastia, France: Le cri du hibou. (The cry of the owl.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1975.

The psychological and sentimental problems of Fabrice who is separated from his parents. They leave him with his grandmother, while they pursue their professional life abroad.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Baudouy, Michel-Aimé: Un passage difficile. (A difficult passage.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1974.

Two families are friends. They both have children of the same age. But then one couple gets divorced. What will become of their son, Gilles? The children of the other couple become emotionally involved in the affair.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Bayer, Ingeborg: Les quatre libertés d'Anna B. (The four liberties of Anna B.;

Germ. Orig. title: Die vier Freiheiten der Hanna B.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1976.

Is a girl able to preserve her personality after several months in prison? How will she be able to re-integrate into society?

Reading age: 14-15 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Billard, François. L'enfant infirme moteur: Un enfant parmi d'autres. (The handicapped child: A child among others.)

Tournai: Gamma 1970.

The author who is himself handicapped, succeeds in looking at himself from a distance. His approach to the problem is psychological.

Reading age: 14 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Crane, Caroline: La fugue de Diane. (Amer. orig. title: Stranger on the road.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1973.

The parents of 15-year old Diana are divorced. Her mother drinks and also lives with a drunkard. Diana struggles to find her own way of life. She looks for her father and becomes acquainted with hippies.

Reading age: 14-15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Fährmann, Willi: Quand le vent se lève. (When the wind rises. Germ. orig. title: Ausbruchversuch.)

Gembloux: Duculot 1975.

The problems of Bernd in his working life: the relationship between workers and directors, the position of fringe-dwellers in society. Bernd decides to become a social worker.

Reading age: 14-15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Holman, Felice: Le robinson du métro. (Amer. orig. title: Slake's limbo.)

Paris, Gembloux: Duculot 1978.

Thirteen-year-old, myopic Aremis Slake leaves his indifferent aunt and lives underground. With the aid of specially constructed glasses his vision and his future become clearer.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Soc.handic.

BELGIUM B_V

IN DUTCH LANGUAGE

Camp, Gaston van: Ik ben Harry van de Achterbuurt. (I am Harry van der Achterbuurt.)

Tielt: Lannoo 1975.

About a boy who, though physically handicapped, is more mentally aware than his friend whose parents have left him in the care of an aunt. Each boy has to make the best of his situation.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Cleemput, Gerda van: Het meisje dat de zon niet zag. (The girl who didn't see the sun.)

Averbode: Altiora 1969.

Greet, a blind orphan, is taken into Annemie's family. When it is discovered that nothing can be done for her blindness, she is given a guide dog.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Blindness

Remoortere, Jan van: Als een bliksem. (Like a flash.)

Averbode: Altiora 1977.

When it is discovered that a house in which five handicapped young people live is to be demolished to make way for a new motorway, various action groups try to save the building. On the day of the eviction, during a confrontation a mongoloid dies and as a result of this a compromise is reached.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys. handic.

BRAZIL BR

Araujo, Chloris Arruda de: Estórias de Vovô Zabelê. (Story of Vovô Zabelê.)
São Paulo: Paulinas 1976.

In braille.

Reading age: 7-9 / 1 - Blindness

Figueiredo, Lenita Miranda de: Estórias de tia Lenita. (Story of aunt Lenita.)
São Paulo: Melhoramentos 1969.

In braille.

Reading age: 7-9 / 1 - Blindness

Marins, Francisco: Viagem ao mundo desconhocido. (Trip to an unknown world.)
São Paulo: Melhoramentos 1964.

In braille.

Reading age: 12-14 / 1 - Blindness

Noronha, Teresa: A porta da aventura. (Door to adventure.)
São Paulo: Brasiliense 1977.

In braille.

Reading age: 12-14 / 1 - Blindness

CANADA CA

Brown, Roy: Collision course.

Edmonton: Anderson 1980.

In a depressed phase after a traumatic motorcycle accident, David Green holds himself away from everyone: doctors in the mental ward, his family, until he escapes and wanders in a nearby city, seemingly searching for someone, but also leaning toward suicide.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Hodges, C. Walter: The Namesake.

Toronto: Clarke, Irwin 1964.

During the cruel times of the Viking invasion of England, Alfred, a young orphan, who has had his leg amputated, goes to help his king (also Alfred). After perilous adventures, he is accepted in the king's retinue. Stark, violent, but an exciting adventure.

Reading age: 11-13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Little, Jean: From Anna.

Don Mills: Fitzhenry & Whiteside 1977.

Awkward Anna, feeling rejected in her large family, is sent to a special class for visually impaired children. With her teacher's help she has new experiences, and the chance to grow from a victim into an achiever.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Little, Jean: Listen for the singing.

Toronto: Clarke, Irwin 1977.

Anna struggles to overcome her visual handicap and adjust to high school. With the declaration of World War II, she must adjust to the problem of her German origins.

Reading age: 11-14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Little, Jean: Mine for keeps.

Toronto: Little 1967.

Sal, after attending special schools, worries about coming into a regular one. With a new friend's help in training her puppy, she has chances to prove her ability and through this is encouraged to help others with physical problems.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Little, Jean: Take wing.

Toronto: Little 1968.

Although her parents ignore it; Laurel knows there is something wrong with her younger brother. She protects him, but needs help. Through aid from a godmother and an experience with another family having the same problem, she begins to accept herself and others.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Mertens, Winnie: My feet roll.

Hawkesville, Ontario: Before We Are Six 1977.

A wordless picture book about a young girl in a wheel-chair. The reader learns that a child in a wheel-chair can do more than you think.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Motiar, Ahmed: I am not dumb.

Cobalt, Ontario: Highway Book Shop 1979.

Johnny, a learning disabled child, is ridiculed because people don't understand his difficulties. Peter, shunned because he is too short for basketball games, discusses with Johnny their problems, and draws the reader into an understanding and broader view of human rights.

Reading age: 6-10 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Shennan, Victoria: Ben. Ill.: Michael Charlton.

Toronto: The Bodley Head 1980.

Colorful illustrations with short text showing Ben, suffering from mongolism, going to school, his activities there, and his playtime with his family in a park.

Reading age: 3-7 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Takashima, Shizuye: A child in Prison camp.

Ill.: Shizuye Takashima.

Montreal: Tundra Books 1971.

A child tells of her life in internment camp during World War II. She recounts simply and factually what it meant to be "an enemy of society".

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Soc.handic.

IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

Aubry, Claude: Légendes du Canada français: Livres imprimés en gros caractères. (Legends of French Canada: Books printed in big characters.)

Montréal: Editions de l'Espoir 1977.

Legends of Canada printed in big letters for people with poor sight.

Reading age: 7 / 1 - Blindness

Corriveau, Monique Chouinard: La petite fille du printemps. (The little girl of spring.) Ill.: Louise Pomminville.

Montréal: Fides 1978.

Helen is an orphan. She is unhappy about the tactlessness of her new parents and the cruelty of other children. She writes to an unknown godfather.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Soc.hand.

Little, Jean: Ecoute, l'oiseau chantera. (Can. Orig. title: Listen for the singing.)

Montréal: Pierre Tisseyre 1980.

The author, whose sight is as bad as that of her heroine narrates her own difficulties in beginning secondary school. She describes also the troubles her family encountered during World War II because of their German origin.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.hand.

Axline, Virginia: Dibs. (Amer. orig. title: Dibs in search of self.)

Bern: Scherz 1970.

Dibs, a 5-year-old autistic child succeeds in finding his personality through the patience of his teacher who is trained in psychology.

Reading age: 13 / 2 Emot.handic.

Behindertenkalender 1981. (Almanac for the handicapped 1981.)

Bern: Zytglogge 1980.

An almanac for handicapped young people including literature lists, addresses of organizations and other tips.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Generally handic.

Bolliger, Max: Claudia. (Claudia.)

Zürich: Schweizerisches Jugendschriftenwerk 1977.

Claudia is a mentally handicapped girl. Her brother is ashamed of her handicap and doesn't want to take her with him to play. But soon he discovers that she's a loveable girl.

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Bolliger, Max/Herberich, Ingeborg: Kinder wie du. (Children like you.)

Zürich: Schweizerisches Jugendschriftenwerk.

Short stories about handicapped children that attempt to help the reader to understand these children being different.

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Generally handic.

Bolliger, Max: Murrli. (Murrli.)

Zürich: Schweizerisches Jugendschriftenwerk 1979.

Toni is nearly deaf. Therefore he is unable to speak correctly. After an operation Toni can hear and speak like other people.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Deafness

Bradbury, Bianca: Nancy und ihr Johnny. (Amer. orig. title: Nancy and her Johnny-O.)

Solothurn: Schweizer Jugendverlag 1973.

Young Nancy has a lot of problems. One of them: her mentally handicapped little brother. A friend shows her how to accept Johnny's problem.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Carling, Finn: Im Zimmer eines Hauses mitten im Garten. (In a room of a house in the middle of the garden.)

Aarau: Sauerländer 1979.

A boy is physically handicapped and cannot move about. He sits the whole time in front of the house in the garden. But the plants, the trees speak with him. That is his life.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Eggli, Ursula: Herz im Korsett. (Heart in a corset.)

Bern: Zytglogge 1979.

To be a human being means to accord with normality. Who can't or won't, does not belong to us. Ursula Eggli spends her life in a wheel-chair. This book is her diary narrating her problems with "normal" people.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Goerres, Silvia: Leben mit einem behinderten Kind. (Living with a handicapped child.)

Zürich: Benziger 1974.

The author writes in an easy style for parents of handicapped children. She also has two retarded children therefore she knows the problems they face.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Hunt, N.: Die Welt des Nigel Hunt. (Eng. orig. title: The World of Nigel Hunt.)

Basel: Reinhardt Verlag.

Nigel is mentally handicapped. He suffers with the Down-Syndrome. This book is Nigel's diary. He narrates his love for pop-music, his journeys to other countries and the life of his family.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Ich bin dein Mitmensch. (I'm your fellow human being.)

Aarau: Sauerländer 1977.

A report in three languages with many photographs about people with different handicaps. The book tries to help us understand their situation.

Reading age: 10 / 2-3 - Generally handic.

Jensen, Virginia Allen/Haller, D.: Was ist das? (What's that? Dan. orig. title: Hvad is det?)

Aarau: Sauerländer 1978.

A picturebook for blind and normal children: the pictures of the story can be felt.

Reading age: 3 / 1 - Blindness

Korolenko, Vladimir Galaktionovic: Der blinde Musiker. (The blind musician; Russ. orig. title: Slepoj muzykant.) In: Korolenko, V.G.: Der Wald rauscht und andere Erzählungen.

Zürich: Manesse 1954.

Korolenko's extensive study deals with the physical and psychical development of the blind, but musically gifted, Petr Popel'skij from his birth till his early manhood.

Reading age: 12-20 / 2 - Blindness

Lang, Othmar Franz: Regenbogenweg. (Rainbow trail.)

Zürich: Benziger 1977.

Nicola's girl-friend, Pamela, becomes more and more emotionally handicapped. Helping a mentally handicapped boy, Nicola learns to understand Pamela's as well as other disabled persons' problems.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Generally handic.

Lehmann-Gugolz, Ursula: Gelingt es uns? (Will we succeed?)

Bern: Blaukreuz Verlag 1980.

Normal life in a home for handicapped children and young people. They all fight for independence.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Lehmann-Gugolz, Ursula: Ein Weg für Vroni. (A solution for Vroni.) Ill.: Ferdinand Monnier.

Bern: Blaukreuz Verlag 1976.

Vroni lives happily in the mountains with his family in spite of his handicap. After an event he goes to a school in the valley. But he always wants to return to his home.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Manz, Hans/Siebold, R.: Mitenand. (Together; Fr. orig. title: Ensemble.)

Zürich: Schweizerisches Jugendschriftenwerk 1979.

A funny picture brochure to be coloured. Seven children with various little handicaps interact; working together they overcome their disabilities.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Generally handic.

McCracken, Mary: Lovey. (Amer. orig. title: Lovey.)

Bern: Scherz 1977.

A true story of eight-year-old Hannah's struggle toward a normal life in spite of being emotionally disturbed.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Parker, R.: Er ist dein Bruder. (Eng. orig. title: He is your brother.)

Luzern: Rex 1975.

Mike's hobby is playing with trains. His little brother Orry is handicapped. One day Mike discovers that Orry likes trains too. Through his hobby he succeeds in reaching a better situation for his brother.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Peter, Rita: ... Mit denen stimmt was nicht. (Something's wrong with them.) Ill.: Mario Grasso.

Zürich: Schweizerisches Jugendschriftenwerk 1979.

Three stories of handicapped children. Rolf is physically handicapped. His left hand is crippled. He has no problem in being accepted because he's a good football-player. Ruth is mentally handicapped. Jacob stammers. They all find people who help them.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Generally handic.

Robinson, Veronica: Warum schweight David? (Eng. orig. title: David in silence.)

Solothurn: Schweizerischer Jugendverlag 1969.

David, a deaf boy, is unable to make any friends with the exception of Michael, who tries to learn to communicate through finger language and mime.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Deafness

Schmidli, Werner: Gustavs Untaten. (Gustav's outrages.)

Zürich: Benziger 1977.

Three stories about intolerance. People out of the accepted standard are pushed aside.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Generally handic.

Wolf, Bernhard: Anne kann nicht hören. (Amer. orig. title: Anna's silent world.)

Luzern: Kinderbuchverlag Reich 1980.

The picture-story of little deaf Anna. It tells us about the possibilities of learning open to a deaf child.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Deafness

Woods, Hubert C.: Tooruk verläßt seinen Bruder nicht. (Amer. orig. title: Child of the Arctic.)

Luzern: Rex 1965.

By the Eskimo community deaf Kumalik is considered a retarded, dangerous and unstable person. Only twin brother Tooruk shares Kumalik's frustrations.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Deafness

SWITZERLAND CH_F

IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

Bolliger, Max: Claudia. (Claudia; Germ. orig. title: Claudia.)

Zürich: Oeuvre Suisse des Lectures pour la Jeunesse 1972.

Claudia ia a mentally handicapped girl. Her brother is ashamed of her handicap and doesn't want to take her with him to play. But soon he discovers that she's a loveable girl.

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Bourgeois, Charles: Maman, qu'est-ce qu'il a le monsieur? Un invalide rompt le silence. (Mother, what is the matter with this man? An invalid breaks the silence.)

Vevey: Bertil Galland 1978.

The author, invalid from birth (spastic paralysis), narrates his childhood, his youth and his life as an adult. His parents and his sister kept him at home. "Certain obstacles are in the body. But most of them are in the head of the sane".

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Ducommun, Anne-Marie: Skions malgré tout. (We will ski in spite of everything.)

Vevey: Delta 1978.

A guide on how to learn to ski for children and young adults who are handicapped.

Reading age: 12 / 1-3 - Phys.handic.

Eareckson, Joni/Musser, Joe: Joni. (Amer. orig. title: Joni.)

Genève: L'Eau vive 1978.

At 17, Jones, a very athletic girl has a diving accident and remains paralysed from the legs to the neck. She adjusts to her fate and learns to paint with her mouth, thus paving the way for her spiritual maturity.

Reading age: 13 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Fonck, Christian: Cap sur la vie. (In direction to life.)

Genève: L'Eau Vive 1979.

Christian Fonck was born in Morocco. He is half Arab. The family leaves for Geneva. Christian has been maltreated because of his Arab origin. In Geneva he has to look for work instead of going to school. But he becomes addicted to alcohol and easy living until he finds the Christian God.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Herberich, Ingeborg/Bolliger, Max: Des enfants comme toi. (Children like you;

Germ. orig. title: Kinder wie du.)

Zürich: Oeuvre Suisse des Lectures pour la Jeunesse No. 1412.

All kinds of handicaps are described in this brochure in a very sympathetic and human way in order to promote understanding among normal children for their brothers in difficulties.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Generally handic.

Manz, Hans: Ensemble. (Together; Germ. orig. title: Zusammen.)

Zürich: Oeuvre Suisse des Lectures pour le Jeunesse No. 1516. 1979.

A funny picture brochure to be coloured. Seven children with various handicaps get together; acting together they overcome their disabilities.

Reading age: 6-9 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Woodson, Meg: Moi, je veux vivre! (Amer. orig. title: If I die at thirty.)

Lausanne: Ligue pour la lecture de la Bible 1979.

Peggie Woodson has an hereditary illness. She wonders if she will die at thirty. In this perspective she learns to give a meaning to her life and attains spiritual maturity.

Reading age: 14 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

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Korolenko, Vladimir Gal[illegible]ionovič: Slepý muzikant. (The blind musician; Russ. orig. title: Slepoj muzykant.) Ill.: Věroslav Bergr.

Praha: Albatros 1974.

Korolenko's extensive study handles the physical and psychical development of the blind but musically highly gifted Petr Popel'skij from his birth till his early manhood.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Marshall, Alan: Už zase skáču přes kaluže. (I can jump puddles again; Eng. orig. title: I can jump puddles.) Ill.: Radomir Kolář.

Praha: Mladá fronta 1963.

Autobiographical stories of the childhood and youth of a boy who has infantile paralysis.

Reading age: 13-15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Procházka, Jan: Jitka. (Jitka.) In: Tři panny a Magdaléna.

České Budějovice: Nakladatelství České Budějovice 1966.

Jan Procházka describes in this novel the adventures of eleven year old Jitka in back-yards, on roofs and on the high wall of the garden of a hospital. She also describes her meeting with a paralysed young man, in his wheel chair, whom she tries to help.

Reading age: 10-14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

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Dobiáš, Rudolf: Divá kačka. (The wild duck.) In: Hrdličky. (Turtle-doves.)

Ill.: Jana Želibská.

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1977.

A little boy goes to the river to watch wild ducks. There he meets a blind girl with her brother ...

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Blindness

Gilles, Michel: Ked sa vráti slnko. (When the sun comes back; Fr. orig. title: Quand revient la lumière.)

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1977.

A young girl lives in a village with her parents. An accident occurs and she is severly burned.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Jarunková, Klara: Pomstitel'. (The revenger.)

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1968.

Dušan is in the hospital after being beaten up in a fight. Now he wants to hit back and fight the world around him which has not given him any love.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Legrix, Denise: Taká som sa narodila. (I was born like this; Fr. orig. title: Née comme ça.) Ill.: Karol Ondreicka.

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1979.

Denise Legrix, herself both author and hero, was born without hands and feet. The mileu in which she grew up was that of a poor peasant family. Thanks to her energy, intelligence, and belief in her own strength and capability she learned to walk without feet, to eat, drink, sew, embroider, and to paint without hands - and to live.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Marshall, Alan: A zasa preskakujem kaluže. (Eng. orig. title: I can jump puddles.)

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1978.

Autobiographical stories of the childhood and youth of a boy who has infantile paralysis.

Reading age: 13-15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Matute, Ana Maria: Paulina. (Paulina; Span. orig. title: Paulina.)

Bratislava: Mladé letá 1979.

A little orphan, who lives with his grandparents, makes friends with a blind boy of his own age.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Blindness

Arnold, Katrin: Anna macht mit. (Anna takes part.) Ill.: Renate Seelig.

München: Ellermann 1980.

Anna has been ill since her birth. But she takes part in normal life just as other children do.

Reading age: 4-6 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Bannenberg, Alfredo: Pierre. (Pierre.)

Kassel: Oncken 1958.

Pierre wants to become a painter. But he loses his right arm in a bomb explosion so he can't paint anymore. Through arrangements made by his teacher he gets a place in a German Guldberg-camp. There among other handicapped persons he returns to normal life.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys. handic.

Becker, Antoinette/Niggemeyer, Elisabeth: Ich bin doch wie ihr. (I am just like you.)

Ravensburg: Otto Maier 1977.

The book talks about handicapped children through their games, wishes, and ways of thinking. The non-handicapped child can find many things in common with handicapped children.

Reading age: 5 / 1 - Phys.handic.

Beckmann, Gunndel: Ich, Anika. (I, Anika; Swed. orig. title: Tillträde till gesten.)

Würzburg: Arena 1971.

A young Swedish girl is ill with Leukemia. She tries in letter exchanges with a friend to understand her own situation.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Phys.handic.

Bolte, Karin: Mein Bruder Nikolas. (My brother Nikolas.) In: Wie Alfred berühmt wurde. Ill.: Willi Glasauer.

Weinheim: Belz 1977.

The story describes the feelings of a child that has a new little brother. The baby is mentally handicapped and the whole family suffers with the problems created by its abnormal condition.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Bosch, Martha-Maria: Gib nicht auf, Cornelia. (Don't give up, Cornelia.)

Stuttgart: Spectrum 1975.

As a result of an accident, Cornelia is permanently marred by a burn-scar.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Bradbury, Bianca: Nancy und ihr Jonny. (Amer. orig. title: Nancy and her Johnny-O.)

Stuttgart: Eulen-Verlag 1973.

Young Nancy has many problems, one of them being her little mentally handicapped brother. A friend shows her how to accept Johnny's handicap without being ashamed.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Brattström, Inger: Seit jener Party. (Since that party; Swed. orig. title: Asneprinsen.)

Stuttgart: Schwabenverlag 1967.

Niklas is different from the other young people in his group. He is nearly deaf and epileptic. His "friends" ignore his problems. One day Niklas disappears. Shortly after he is found dead.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Breen, Else: Stoppt das Karussell. (Stop the carrousel; Nor. orig. title: Stopp karusellen.)

Baden-Baden: Signal-Verlag 1980.

Stories of people not "normal" like others.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Generally handic.

Brown, Roy: Gefährliche Täuschung. (Eng. orig. title: The river.)

Würzburg: Arena 1976.

Paul and his mentally handicapped brother become acquainted with a mysterious boy, Brad, who seems to be a smuggler. Brad is able to make good contact with handicapped, Kenny.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Buch, Andrea/Heinecke, Birgit: An den Rand gedrängt. (Pushed outside.)

Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch 1980.

Doctors, social workers, psychologists and trainers tell about the possibilities of normal life for the handicapped. A concept for integration.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Generally handic.

Byars, Betsy: Als die Schwäne kamen. (Amer. orig. title: The summer of the swans.)

Stuttgart: Union 1972.

14-year-old Sara dislikes her difficult age. One day her little mentally handicapped and mute brother disappears. Sara searches for him by a nearby lake. Looking for him she forgets her own difficulties.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Cattin, Etienne: Der AbendexpreB. (The night-express; Fr. orig. title: L'express du soir.)

Stuttgart: Schwabenverlag 1964.

Roseline lives in a railway-station with her mother. Roseline is crippled. Only the trains and their drivers help her to overcome her loneliness.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Clevé, Evelyn: Helen Keller. (Helen Keller.)

Hamburg: Cecilie Dressler 1979.

The unusual story of Helen Keller's life. Helen was blind and deaf after contracting meningitis. Her teacher, Ann Sullivan, succeeds in helping her learn to speak, to read braille and to understand sign language. Finally, Helen was able to study and became a professor.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Blind and deaf

Cohnen, Elfriede: Ein Leben wie andere. (A life like others.)

Heilbronn: Salzer 1979.

Because of an accident, Friedel Cohnen loses her feet. But she has a strong personality and studies law and then medicine.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Coué, Jean: Pierre lebt. (Pierre is alive; Fr. orig. title: Pierre est vivant.)

Stuttgart: Thienemann 1979.

Pierre is totally handicapped after a serious automobile accident. He is blind, deaf, mute and paralysed. After one year in hospital he finally begins to make contact with the world around him.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Dannholz, Gisela: Jesse der Wandwanderer. (Jesse the wall-wanderer.)

Hamburg: Friedrich Oetinger 1966.

Jesse has to stay in bed all day because his legs are paralysed. But he knows another way to walk: in his fantasy he finds the path to an adventure where he is the hero. He walks up and down the wall-paper of his room.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Desmarowitz, Dorothea/Hasler, Eveline: Dann kroch Martin durch den Zaun. (Then Martin creeped through the fence.)

Ravensburg: Otto Maier 1978.

Martin is physically handicapped and isolated from other children; but after a courageous deed he is accepted by others.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Dickinson, Peter: Der Geisterjäger. (Amer. orig. title: Annerton Pit.)

Stuttgart: Boje 1980.

Martin and his blind brother, Rob, have a funny, unusual grandpa. He's their best friend. He likes to search for ghosts all over the world. This time no postcards arrive from his journey. The boys are afraid and decide to search for him. A great adventure begins.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Domina, Dagmar/Krenzer, Rolf: Geschichten und Bilder zum Kirchenjahr. (Stories and pictures for the church year.)

Bonn: Reha 1979.

A religious book for children with pictures to paint. The stories and pictures are related to the holy days of church year.

Reading age: 6 / 1 - Generally handic.

Domina, Dagmar/Krenzer, Rolf/Weber, Anne: Nun rate, rate, wer ich bin! (Guess who I am.)

Staufen/Brsg.: Kemper 1980.

Riddles for handicapped children presented in a simple way. With paint-in pictures.

Reading age: 8 / 1 - Ment.handic.

Domina, Dagmar/Krenzer, R./Lotz, I.: Spieltherapeutische Liederfibel. (Therapeutic game and song fables.)

Bonn: Reha 1979.

A collection of songs with pictures to be coloured in for handicapped children.

Reading age: 6 / 1 - Generally handic.

Ebell: Aus meinem Leben. (From my life.)

Marburg: Deutsche Blindenstudieranstalt oJ.

The story of a man born blind. In braille.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Blindness

Elling, Maria-Luise: Auch Daniel gehört dazu. (Daniel also belongs to us.)

Weiden: Porz 1970.

The pupils of an elementary school meet the handicapped brother of one of their schoolfellows. Thereby, they get to know the problems of handicapped children.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Fanshawe, Elizabeth: Hanna. (Amer. orig. title: Rachel.) Ill.: Michael Charlton.

Reinbek: Carlsen 1976.

Hanna must use a wheelchair but participates fully in school, ignoring the inconvenience.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Fischer, Bernhard (Ed.): Mein Geheimnis gehört mir. (My secret belongs to me.)

Stuttgart: Freies Geistesleben 1974.

A collection of stories written by famous authors of different times and languages dealing with handicapped people.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Generally handic.

Flor, Francoise: Bis morgen, Caroline. (Till tomorrow, Caroline; Fr. orig. title: Martin du petit matin.)

Stuttgart: Boje 1975.

Every morning Caroline and Martin meet each other in the train to university. One day Caroline does not come. Martin hears that she is suddenly paralysed. In spite of that Martin will never leave her.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Fredriksson, Dorrit: Lennart starb jung. (Lennart dies young.)

Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 1977.

Lennart is 16 years old. He is ill with cancer and must die. His mother relates his last stages of suffering.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Gabel, Wolfgang: Valentins Traum. (Valentin's dream.)

Baden-Baden: Signal 1975.

Four handicapped young people meet regularly. They all know Bastian whose parents try to keep him away from normal life. Bastian's world only consists of handicapped persons.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Gehrts, Barbara: Die Höhle im Steinbruch. (The cave in the quarry.)

Düsseldorf: Hoch 1973.

Georg, physically handicapped, and his brother discover a cave in a quarry with young kittens in it. Georg takes one home. After a fire in a carpenter's shop Georg is suspected. He loses his cat and suddenly disappears.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Green, Myrtle Ellen: Du schaffst es, Mick! (Eng. orig. title: A pony-doctor's orders.) Ill.: Kajo Bierl.

Bayreuth: Loewes 1976.

Mick has a paralysed leg. In spite of this he would like to learn to ride. He's allowed to take lessons at the Elm Tree Farm.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Griffith, Helen: Das wilde Pferd von Santander. (Eng. orig. title: The wild horse of Santander.)

Heidenheim: Hoffmann 1975.

The story of the love between a blind boy and a wild horse. After an operation Joaquin is again able to see. Meanwhile the wild horse tried to run away and was shot.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Grün, Max von der: Vorstadtkrokodile. (Crocodile of the suburbs.)

Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch 1978.

A crocodile is the sign of the gang. One day the gang gets to know a boy in a wheel-chair. After some dangerous adventures the boy becomes member of the "crocodiles".

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Guenther, Herbert: Unter Freunden. (Friends around.)

Recklinghausen: Georg Bitter 1976.

A new boy, a victim of infantile paralysis, arrived in class. The whole class is disturbed by his condition.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Haar, Jaap ter: Behalte das Leben lieb. (Keep the life lovely; Dutch orig. title: Het wereldje van Beer Lighthart.)

München: Deutscher Taschenbuchverlag 1980.

Through an accident; 13-year-old Beer loses his eyesight. Beer and his family have to adjust to his fate.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Habel, Luise: Herrgott, schaff die Treppen ab! (Dear God, abolish stairs!)

Stuttgart: Kreuz 1978.

Luise Habel lives in a wheelchair. But in spite of her handicap she leads a normal life. She is member and delegate of an organization of handicapped people.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Häusler, Ingrid: Kein Kind zum Vorzeigen. (Not a child to show to people.)

Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch 1979.

Long after the birth, the parents had no idea that their child could be handicapped. They had no experience with handicaps and medicines were powerless against that. A mother tells the story of her handicapped child.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hagström, Tulla: Petra. (Petra; Swed. orig. title: Petra och vildhästen.)

München: Franz Schneider 1978.

Petra owns a pony and loves it very much. She shows her blind friend Astrid how to ride. One day she realizes how important the pony is to her friend, and she decides to give it to her.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Blindness

Hahner, Wolfgang: Das kleine groBe Glück behinderter Kinder. (The small good fortune of handicapped children.)

Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener Verlag 1976.

A picture-story of daily life in a home for handicapped children. It shows a great deal about the life of these children.

Reading age: 10 / 2-3 - Generally handic.

Halasi, Mária: Plötzlich klingelt es ... (Suddenly it's ringing; Hung. orig. title: Egyszer csak csengetnek.)

Stuttgart: Franckhsche Verlagsbuchhandlung 1974.

Gaby is a real nasty girl. She doesn't want to help her paralysed sister because she is always busy with her gang. The ill sister lives in a world of fantasy where all the things that happen to Gaby, also happen to her.

Reading age: 10 / ? - Phys.handic.

Härtling, Peter: Das wer der Hirbel. (It was Hirbel.)

Weinheim: Belz-Gelberg.

This book tells how Hirbel came to a children's home and why he's different from others.

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hayes/Lazzarino: Die verlorenen Kinder. (Amer. orig. title: Broken promises.)

München: Scherz 1980.

Five children abandoned by their parents fall into the clutches of bureaucracy. Put into children's homes, they all become emotionally and socially handicapped.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Generally handic.

Heiß, Lisa: Ein Glück, daß sie so lustig ist. (What good luck that she's so gay.)

Stuttgart: Boje 1970.

Michaela, born with one hand, takes part in all things happening. After the family moves to a new town Michaela disappears: the inhabitants of the town had treated her very badly.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hénault, Marcelle: Manuel. (Manuel; Fr. orig. title: Mon fils Emanuel.)

München: Neue Stadt 1977.

Manuel's mother tells the story of her mentally handicapped son; the difficulties and problems of the family, friends, teachers and doctors.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Bierse, Gisela: Beate gehört zu uns. (Beate belongs to us.)

Stuttgart: Titania.

A new girl in class: a girl like others, nice and friendly, but sitting in a wheel)chair. First her comrades are embarrassed but they soon get to know and accept her.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hill, Archie: Eine Welt aus Liebe. (Eng. orig. title: Closed world of love.)

Freiburg: Herder 1978.

After coming out of prison Archie Hill gets to know a woman with a 14-year-old paralysed boy. They get married and step by step the new father becomes able to understand his ill stepson.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hlauschka-Steffe, Barbara: Nicht wie andere Kinder! (Not like other children!)

Konstanz: Bahn 1975.

Stories of children having problems with themselves or other people because of being different by a handicap.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Generally handic.

Hoberg, Marielis: Dirk und die Spitzmaus. (Dirk and the shrew.)

Freiburg: Herder 1966.

In the same house where Dirk and the shrew live; there also lives a boy who never takes part in their games. They want to know why. Jochen has only one leg. Totally in despair, he doesn't want to play with other children. But Dirk and the shrew make friends with him.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hocken, Sheila: Emma und ich. (Eng. orig. title: Emma and I.)

München: Goldmann 1981.

The adventures of a young blind woman with her clever dog. The story of an unusual relation between a human being and an animal.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Blindness

Hourdin, Georges: Das Leid der Unschuldigen. (The pain of the innocent.)

Düsseldorf: Patmos 1979.

The author narrates the story ot his mentally handicapped daughter who suffers with trisomy 21. By the patience and intense efforts of her father, the girl was able to learn to swim, dance and write peoms.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Hundley, Joan Martin: Der kleine AuBenseiter. (Eng, orig, title: The little outsider.)

Ravensburg: Otto Maier 1974.

The author is the mother of an autistic child. She tells the results of efforts to educate the child.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Emot.handic.

Hunt, Nigel: Die Welt des Nigel Hunt. (Eng. orig. title: The world of Nigel Hunt.)

München: Reinhardt 1979.

Nigel is mentally handicapped. He suffers from Down's syndrome. This book is Nigel's diary. He tells about his love for pop-music, his journeys to other countries and the life of his family.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Hüttner, Doralis: Los, Jürgen, spring! (Go on, Jürgen, jump!)

Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch 1974.

Jürgen is born without arms. In spite of that he learns to play football and other games. His friends always help him. One day something great happens, he jumps into the swimming pool.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Ibach, Ilse: Keine Angst vor morgen. (Don't be afraid of tomorrow.)

Reutlingen: Ensslin & Laiblin 1961.

12-year-old Angela is deeply depressed after a serious illness which leaves her handicapped. She cannot take part in the activities of the others anymore. She finally learns to accept her fate and to face life.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Generally handic.

Keller, Helen: Dunkelheit. (Darkness.)

Marburg: Deutsche Blindenstudieranstalt.

Helen Keller left blind and deaf after a serious illness narrates her own story. By the help of a young woman, Ann Sullivan, she was able to learn to speak, to understand sign-language and to read braille.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Klee, Ernst: Behinderte im Urlaub? (Handicapped persons on holidays?)

Frankfurt: Fischer Taschenbuch 1980.

In 1980 a German court decided "that a group of handicapped people ruined the holiday pleasure of sensitive people". The story of that judgement, the reactions and consequences are told in this book.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Generally handic.

Klee, Ernst: Behindertsein ist schön. (Being handicapped is beautiful.)

Düsseldorf: Patmos 1974.

Materials for working with handicapped. The new self-assurance of handicapped people, the way to develop it and obtain concrete results.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Generally handic.

Klee, Ernst: Behindertenkalender 1980. (Calendar for the handicapped 1980.)

Frankfurt: Fischer Taschenbuch 1979.

An almanac and calendar for handicapped people. Includes addresses, tips, information about the law and games for the handicapped.

Reading age: 9 / 1 - Generally handic.

Klee, Ernst: Behindertenkalender 1981. (Calendar for the handicapped 1981.)

Frankfurt: Fischer Taschenbuch 1980.

See Behindertenkalender 1980.

Reading age: 9 / 1 - Generally handic.

Klee, Ernst: Behinderten-Report II. (Handicapped report II.)

Frankfurt: Fischer Taschenbuch 1980.

"We don't let ourselves be pushed around". The psychological consequences of being handicapped, possibilities of changing the situation by political action and concepts for working with handicapped.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Generally handic.

Klee, Ernst: Der Zappler. (The fidget.) Ill.: Bettina Anrich-Wölfel.

Düsseldorf: Schwann 1974.

Jürgen is physically handicapped. He's a "fidget". Therefore he is always isolated and stays at home. Ingrid tries to help him.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Kobbe, Ursula: Die Brücke ohne Geländer. (Bridge without railing.)

Freiburg: Herder 1974.

Ursula Kobbe worked as a social worker in a home for handicapped children. In her diary she narrates the story of her work and the stories of nine children with different handicaps.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Kolnberger, Evelyne: Der Sommer als Nixe kam. (The summer when Nixe came.)

München: Franz Schneider 1975.

Anuschka feels alone. Her father is dead and her mother works all day long. Because of her crippled leg she cannot take part in the games of her friends. Therefore she invents a figure in fantasy: her new friend "Nixe".

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Korolenko, Vladimir Galaktionovič: Der blinde Musiker. (The blind musician; Russ. orig. title: Slepoj muzykant.)

München-Pullach 1924.

Korolenko's extensive study deals with the physical and psychical development of the blind, but musically highly gifted Petr Popel'skij from his birth till his early manhood.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Kramer, Diet: Sommer der Entscheidung. (Summer of decision; Dutch orig. title: Roeland Westwout.)

Stuttgart: Herold 1964.

Mies is a nice, lively young girl. Roeland likes her. After an accident Mies's face is disfigured forever. Roeland's problem is to help Mies to find meaning in her new life situation.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: Christus Geschichten. (Stories of Jesus Christ.) Ill.: Roman Friedrich.

Bonn: Reha 1981.

The most famous bible stories narrated for handicapped children in a simple style.

Reading age: 6 / 1 - Generally handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: Die goldenen Lilien. (The golden lilies.)

Bonn: Reha 1977.

In most of the fairy-tales handicapped people are described as ugly, odd or bad. In these stories the handicapped get a very likeable and positive image.

Reading age: 6 / 1-2 Generally handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: Spieltherapeutischer Kalender. (Therapeutic game calendar.) Ill.: Dagmar Domina.

Bonn: Reha 1978.

This calendar has 12 pages, one for each month of the year. The pictures in it can be coloured. On the reverse of the pages are riddles; short stories and poems.

Reading age: 5 / 1 - Generally handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: Spieltherapeutisches Märchenbuch in einfacher Sprache. (Therapeutic play fairy-tale book in simple style.)

Bonn: Reha 1977.

28 folk fairy-tales in simple style for handicapped children, especially the mentally handicapped.

Reading age: 6 / 1 - Ment.handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: Und darum muB ich für dich sprechen. (And therefore I must speak for you.)

Recklinghausen: Georg Bitter 1981.

40 stories about mentally handicapped children, young people and adults showing us their lives and problems.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Krenzer, Rolf: 52 Sonntagsgeschichten in einfacher Sprache. (52 Sunday stories in simple style.)

Bonn: Reha 1979.

52 stories for children, normal or handicapped. One story for every Sunday of the year.

Reading age: 6 / 1 - Generally handic.

Kutsch, Angelika: Eine Brücke für Joachim. (A bridge for Joachim.)

Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch 1979.

Agnes, seriously injured in an accident forgets her own problems by helping a young handicapped man.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Lang, Othmar Franz: Schritte, die ich gehe. (Steps that I walk.)

München: J. Pfeiffer 1968.

A 15-year-old girl is suddenly paralysed by her own guilt. Her whole life changes. All her dreams and wishes are shattered.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Lasker, Joe: Tommy ist mein Bruder. (Amer. orig. title: He's my brother.) Ill.: Joe Lasker.

Reinbek: Carlsen 1979.

Jamie, who has a learning disability is supported by his sensitive parents who value him for what he can do as well as what he is.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Laurey, Harriet: Piju, der kleine Igel. (Piju the little hedgehog; Dutch orig. title: Het egeljong.)

Berlin: Klopp 1973.

Dan, a little boy who stammers, spends his holidays in the country. All the children in the village laugh about his handicap. A little hedgehog helps Dan to overcome his problem.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Lefrance, Alain: Es lohnt sich zu leben. (It's worth living; French orig. title: Le courage de vivre.)

Freiburg: Herder 1977.

A. Lefrance narrates his own story. He was a fantastic swimmer but during a contest he had a serious accident which left him paralysed in both legs and arms. He tells how he overcomes his situation.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Lindgren, Astrid: Pippi Langstrumpf. (Pippi Longstocking; Swed. orig. title: Pippi Långstrump.)

Marburg: Deutsche Blindenstudieranstalt.

Pippi is living in a funny old house with a horse and an ape. All things which happen to Pippi are unusual and funny. In braille.

Reading age: 10 / 1 - Blindness

Lindquist, Marita: Katrins verdrehtes B. (Katrin's twisted B.)

Berlin: Erika Klopp 1980.

Katrin has many sorrows. The biggest one is: she mixes up all the letters in the words she writes and therefore produces ridiculous writing.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Lipke, Cordula: Lauf solange du kannst. (Walk as long as you can.)

Regensburg: Friedrich Pustet 1980.

The young author narrates the course of her disease. She tells of her hard fight with multiple sclerosis, her family, friends and staff of the hospital.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Lucas, Christel: Silke - ein blindes Kind. (Silke, a blind child.)

München: Kösel 1979.

A mother relates the experiences with her blind daughter in order to inform other people about this handicap.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Blindness

Malcolm, Elisabeth: Alle Bilder, die ich sehe. (All the pictures that I see.)

Freiburg: Herder 1976.

Brigitte meets Jürgen, a blind young man in the neighbourhood. She spends all her free time with him and learns to understand his situation.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Matute, Anna Maria: Paulina. (Paulina; Span. orig. title: Paulina.)

Berlin: Erika Klopp 1972.

Paulina visits her grand-parents in the Spanish mountains. There she gets to know a blind boy. Helping him to learn to read and write by her own method, she forgets her own problem of being small and unattractive.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Menninger, Dieter: Belügt uns nicht! (Don't tell lies to us!)

Stuttgart: Kreuz 1978.

A running commentary about handicapped and sick persons. It describes the situation of these people and tells of those who try to help.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Generally handic.

Mueller-Garn, Ruth: Das Morgenrot ist weit ... (The dawn is far off ...)

Würzburg: Echter 1980.

The eldest son of the author is mentally handicapped. She narrates her family's daily life which is happy in spite of the handicapped child.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Mueller-Garn, Ruth: ... und halte dich an meiner Hand. (... and you hold on to my hand.)

Würzburg: Echter 1977.

This report shows that it is quite possible to educate a handicapped child at home. A mother tells the story of her mentally handicapped child among three normal children.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Peter, Diana: Heike und Jutta können nicht hören. (Heike and Jutta cannot hear.)

Oberursel: Finkenverlag 1979.

Heike and Jutta were born deaf. It is difficult for them to speak or to understand other people. But they are as lively as normal children.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Deafness

Petersen, Palle: Susanne kann nicht sehen. (Susan cannot see.)

Oberursel: Finkenverlag 1979.

Susanne is blind. She "sees" with her hands. At school she learns to swim, to make music and to ride. She needs help but not pity.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Blindness

Petersen, Palle: Thorsten lernt jetzt laufen. (Thorsten learns to walk now.)

Oberursel: Finkenverlag 1979.

Thorsten's legs are paralysed. He trains himself to stand and to walk with success.

Reading age: 5 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Potthof, Margot: Entscheidung am Ulmenweg. (Decision at Ulmenweg.)

München: Franz Schneider 1979.

Achim is paralysed after a car accident. Since then he hates life, tries to commit suicide and to take revenge on everyone around him. Bettina has a hard job trying to make contact with Achim.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Prekop, Irina (Ed.): Wir haben ein behindertes Kind. (We have a handicapped child.)

Stuttgart: Quell 1979.

The parents of mentally handicapped children describe the various conditions of their children. They want to inform other parents on how to help their children.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Probst, Anneliese: Das weiBe Porzellanpferd. (The white porcelain horse.)

Konstanz: Bahn 1976.

Thekla's sister dies after an operation. Thekla is completely desperate. Uncle Gilbert, an old friend of the girl, takes Thekla to a home for mentally handicapped children to show her their situation.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Procházka, Jan: Jitka. (Jitka; Čech. orig. title: Jitka.) Ill.: Edith Schindler.

Recklinghausen: Bitter 1972.

Jan Procházka describes in this novel the adventures of eleven year old Jitka in back yards, on roofs and on the high wall of the garden of a hospital; her meeting with a paralysed young man, in his wheel chair; whom she tries to help learn to walk again.

Reading age: 10-14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Recheis, Käthe: Das Blockhaus am Minnewana. (The wooden-hut on the Minnewana.)

Hamburg: Oetinger 1966.

Pony will stay for a long time in a wooden-hut in the Canadian forests. All alone she gets to know the secrets of nature. In the town she had only imaginary friends, at the Minnewana river she finds real ones in spite of her crippled leg.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Rinaldo, C.L.: Dunkle Träume. (Amer. orig. title: Dark dreams.)

Baden-Baden: Signal 1977.

Carlo, who has rheumatic fever, is apprehensive about playing with a gang.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Rinkoff, Barbara: Freundschaft mit Sandy. (Friendship with Sandy; Amer. orig. title: The watchers.)

Bonn-Röttgen: Hörnemann 1974.

Chris likes to watch people. His parents are divorced and he has a lot of problems. Sandy, a new boy in the house, tries to get to know Chris, but he does not want to have anything to do with him.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Generally handic.

Rodman, Maria: Ein einziges Licht. (Amer. orig. title: A single light.)

Stuttgart: Herold 1969.

Ramón de Prada's daughter grows up without love. Being mute and deaf nobody wants her. But one day she gets a job; a family wants her to look after their baby. The baby dies and she once again has no one to whom she can give her love.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Deaf and mute

Rodrian, Irene: Die Welt in meiner Hand. (The world in my hand.)

Würzburg: Arena 1980.

After two years in hospital, 16-year-old Ilse is made aware that she will remain blind. Step by step she learns to accept her disability.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Ruck-Pauquet, Gina: Die Ringerkönigin. (The wrestling queen.)

Recklinghausen: Georg Bitter 1975.

Stories about being different from the others.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Rück, Solfried: Weglaufen gilt nicht! (No running away!)

Recklinghausen: Georg Bitter 1979.

14-year-old Billa, pretty and popular; loves life. But one day her whole life changes; she becomes diabetic.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Ruppert, Johanna: Mehr als ich erwarten durfte. (More than I could expect.)

Trier: Spee-Verlag 1979.

Continuation of "Warum gerade ich?" (Why just me?). Gaby is now 14 years old. Her mother narrates her course of development from childhood to adulthood.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Ruppert, Johanna: Warum gerade ich? (Why just me?)

Trier: Spee-Verlag 1972.

A mother's fight for her mentally handicapped daughter. Gaby's life from her birth until the age of fourteen.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Rutgers van der Loeff, Ann: Donald. (Donald; Dutch orig. title: Donald.)

Würzburg: Arena 1970.

After an accident, Donald's face is disfigured. He is introduced to his idol, a famous baseball-star, and who takes Donald with him for publicity. Donald becomes disillusioned but succeeds in finding real friends.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Rutgers van der Loeff, Ann: Das verlorene Licht. (The lost light; Dutch orig. title: Het licht in je ogen.)

Hamburg: Oetinger 1980.

Kees falls into a lime pit. After a stay in hospital he goes back to school where he refuses to accept that he has become blind. He is sent to an institution for the blind where he befriends a boy who has been blind since birth.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Saint-Morcoux, Jeanne: Die Suche nach dem Licht. (The search for the light; Fr. orig. title: Le voleur de lumière.)

Stuttgart: Boje.

Luis the smuggler is running away from the police. While escaping he pushes little Mirentchou to the abyss and she loses her eyesight. After that Luis decides to study medical science.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Schlett, Christa: Babs. (Babs.)

Wuppertal: Jugenddienst-Verlag 1975.

Babs was born in Germany during World War II, illegitimate and crippled. Her mother has great difficulties in protecting her child from idle gossip, and the hate of the family and society.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Schlett, Christa: Ich will mitspielen. (I want to join in your game.)

Wuppertal: Jugenddienst-Verlag 1979.

The author, also handicapped, demands better living conditions for all handicapped people, with neither pity, nor the wrong kind of help.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Generally handic.

Schlett, Christa: ... Krüppel sein dagegen sehr. (Hard to be crippled.)

Wuppertal: Jugenddienst-Verlag 1975.

The autobiography of a young crippled woman.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Schmidt, Michael: Peter und seine Freunde. (Peter and his friends.)

Frankfurt: Hirschgraben 1978.

This picture-story will touch the emotions of children.

Reading age: 7 / 1 - Emot.handic.

Schmidt, Michael: Thomas und der Vogel. (Tom and the bird.)

Frankfurt: Hirschgraben 1979.

The story of Tom and the bird shows how to link fantasy and reality. It helps find solutions to problems.

Reading age: 7 / 1 - Emot.handic.

Schroeder-Horstmann, Karin (Ed.): L(i)eben mit Handicap. (Life and love with a handicap.)

Frankfurt: Ullstein 1980.

Handicapped people talk about their sexuality. A book to help normal and handicapped people in breaking down prejudices and discovering new consciousness of the handicapped.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Segal, Patrick: Im Rollstuhl um die Welt. (Around the world in a wheel chair; French orig. title: L'homme qui marchait dans sa tête.)

Berlin: Ullstein 1979.

Patrick, 24-years-old, has been shot in his back. He is condemned to live in a wheel chair, but his will to live is stronger than his handicap. After hospital and reeducation he leaves for a journey round the world.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Seuberlich, Hertha Grit: Mädchen im Glashaus. (Girl in a greenhouse.)

Reutlingen: Ensslin & Laiblin 1966.

Bille is happy with her family, friends and her boy-friend. One day a new girl comes into her class and all changes. Bille is jealous until she discovers the girl's secret: Jessica is physically handicapped.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Smith, Vian: Martins Pony. (Eng. orig. title: Martin rides the moor.)

Ravensburg: Otto Maier 1974.

11-year-old Martin becomes deaf after an accident. In despair he avoids seeing his former friends. His father buys him a pony. Can it help to free him from isolation?

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Deafness

Sullivan, Tom/Gill, Derek: Wenn ihr sehen könntet, was ich höre. (Amer. orig. title: If you could see what I hear.)

Freiburg: Herder 1976.

Blind Tom Sullivan tells the story of his life. He shows how handicapped people can adapt successfully to their situation.

Reading age: 12 / 3 - Blindness

Sutcliff, Rosemary: Das Hexenkind. (Eng. orig. title: The witch's brat.)

Bonn-Röttgen: Hörnemann 1970.

After his grandmother's death, little Lovel is driven away by the inhabitants of his village. Years later Lovel builds a hospital to help other handicapped.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sutcliff, Rosemary: Scharlachrot. (Eng. orig. title: Warrior scarlet.)

Gütersloh: Siegbert Mohn 1961.

Drem, a young warrior has only one arm he can use. But he is as brave as other warriors. When he has to prove his courage, he fails. His tribe pushes him away. Later he beats his enemy and becomes a real warrior.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Tate, Joan: Ben mag Annie. (Eng. orig. title: Ben and Annie.)

Würzburg: Arena 1975.

Ben and Annie are very good friends. Annie has to use a wheel-chair but that doesn't matter.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Terlan, Gaby: Zwölf Monate sind mehr als ein Jahr. (Twelve months are more than a year.)

Wuppertal: Oncken 1978.

Physically handicapped Natalie lived in a children's home. After a newspaper report about the handicapped, a family decided to adopt her. Her new mother tells the story of integrating her into family life.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Thieme, Gerda: Leben mit unserem autistischen Kind. (Life with our autistic child.)

Lüdenscheid: Hilfe für das autistische Kind eV. 1971.

A report about 12 years of the life of an emotionally handicapped child, whose mother shows the limitations and possibilities of help at home.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Emot.handic.

Townshend, Pamela: Die Zauberkastanie. (Eng. orig. title: The magic conker.)

Hamburg: Oetinger 1964.

In autumn all children search for conkers. Simon was always too late because he had a deformed leg. One day it happened: he found a big conker, a magic conker.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Valere, Valérie: Das Haus der verrückten Kinder. (The house of crazy children; Fr. orig. title: Le pavillon des enfants fous.)

Tübingen: Wunderlich 1980.

The house of crazy children is the section for children in the psychiatric hospital to which Valérie was brought when she was 13. She suffers from underweight.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Vollmer, Jensen: Wohin mit Katja? (Which place with Katja?)

Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Rupprecht 1972.

Katja is 5 years old. Her parents can see no possibilities of her receiving an education, due to her emotional handicap. So Katja spends a few weeks with her grandma who tries to help her.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Emot.handic.

Wallisfurth, Maria: Sie hat es mir erzählt. (She told it to me.)

Freiburg: Herder.

M. Wallisfurth is the normal child of mute and deaf parents. Her mother told her the story of her life: the story of a poor farmer's child in Germany at the end of the 19th century. The hard life in the country, the limited possibilities for education; all the special problems handicapped people have.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Mute and deaf

Wilson, Dorothy C.: ... darum werden wir nicht mutlos. (Amer. orig. title: Handicap race.)

Wuppertal: Oncken 1969.

A couple, both handicapped, adopt three children, build up a store and work in organizations to help others in the same situation.

Reading age: 13 / Phys.handic.

Wölfel, Ursula: Die grauen und die grünen Felder. (The grey and the green fields.)

Mühlheim: Neithard Anrich 1970.

True stories of the difficulties people have living together. The stories describe children from different countries and with different handicaps.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Generally handic.

Woelfflin, Kurt: Das kleine Kinkerlitzchen. (The little triviality.)

Bonn: Reha 1977.

In most of the fairy-tales handicapped people are described as ugly, odd or bad. In these stories the handicapped get a very likeable and positive image.

Reading age: 6 / 1-2 Generally handic.

Wolf, Inge: So fing es an. (It began like that.)

München: Lentz 1978.

Katharina's father has left the family. To do something to ease her sadness, Katharina decides to work for handicapped children.

Reading age: 11 / 2 - Generally handic.

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Grün, Max von der: Vorstadkrokodile. (Suburban crocodiles.)

Berlin: Der Kinderbuchverlag 1977.

A crocodile is the sign of the gang. One day the gang gets to know a boy in a wheel-chair. After some dangerous adventures the boy becomes a member of the "crocodiles".

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Haar, Jaap ter: Ich spür die Sonne auf meinem Gesicht. (I feel the sunlight on my face; Dutch orig. title: Het wereldje van Beer Ligthart.)

Berlin: Der Kinderbuchverlag 1977.

As the result of an accident; a thirteen year old boy is rendered blind. In the hospital, the other patients try to help him deal with this blow.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Blindness

Holtz-Baumert, Gerhard: Die drei Frauen und ich. (The three women and I.)

Berlin: Der Kinderbuchverlag 1973.

A collection of stories, one dealing with a girl who loses a leg after an accident. She spends a long time in hospital in deep depression. Her nurse works very hard to help her succeed in overcoming her handicap.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Das Schatzkästlein. (The little treasure chest.)

Leipzig: Deutsche Zentralbücherei für Blinde zu Leipzig 1980.

In braille. (Anthologie)

Reading age: 12-15 / 1 - Blindness

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Bergman, Thomas: Fingre som ser. (Fingers that see; Swed. orig. title: Fingrar som ser.)

København: Forum 1977.

Children with visual handicaps tell about their lives, dreams and problems, about how they see things.

Reading age: 6 / 3 - Blindness

Bondo, Ulla: Ida: Et mongolbarns opvaekst i hjemmet. (Ida. A mongoloid child grows up at home.)

Copenhagen: Gyldendal 1977.

A document about the problems, the sorrows and the joy of a family with a mongoloid daughter. The author explains what it means to keep the child at home. She finds that one can come a long way in helping the child develop her resources.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Holm, Eigil: Møde med blinde og svagsynede, 1 & 2. (Meeting with blind and visually impaired persons.)

Copenhagen: AV-Media 1975.

Interviews with two blind adults and two blind children about themselves and their lives. Tapes.

Reading age: 14 / 1 - Blindness

Jensen, Virginia Allen/Haller, Dorcas Woodbury: Hvad er det? (What's that?)

Gentofte: IBIS 1977.

A picture book, illustrated in relief print for blind and sighted children to share. Little Rough and friends look for Little Shaggy, who is hiding.

Reading age: 3 / 1 - Blindness

Jensen, Jonna Vingum: Peter er døv. (Peter cannot hear.) Photos: Gerda Falkholt.

Copenhagen: Fremad 1978.

An episode in a small deaf child's life: Peter's birthday, the disappointments and the pleasure of it.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Deafness

Larsen, Hanne: Dav! Skal vi snakke sammen. (Don't forget Tom.) Photos: Creative Circle.

Copenhagen: Borgen 1974.

This book tells with colour pictures what Thomas can and cannot do; about how much like other children he is and how different.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Melander, Helle: Lena er blind. (Lena is blind.) Photos: Andreas Fischer-Hansen.

Copenhagen: Fremad 1977.

A picture book about Lena, who is blind, about her everyday life with her family and in her nursery school.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Blindness

Petersen, Palle: Jeg kan ikke se dig. (Sally can't see.)

Copenhagen: Borgen 1974.

Sally, a twelve year old blind girl, tells about her life at boarding school and her holidays at home and what being blind means to her.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Plum, Ole Munk: Kom og snak med mig. (Come and talk with me.) Ill.: Jørgen Clevin.

Copenhagen: Gyldendal 1977.

A sign-language phrase booklet, which deaf children can carry with them. This booklet can also be used by others who are in contact with deaf children.

Reading age: 7 / 1 - Deafness

Procházka, Jan: Jitka. (Jitka; Cech. orig. title: Jitka.)

København: Jespersen og Pio 1977.

Jan Procházka describes in this novel the adventures of the eleven year old Jitka in backyards, on the roofs and on the high wall of the gardens of a hospital and her meeting with a paralysed young man, in a wheel chair, whom she tries to help.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Smith, Doris Buchanan: Hold dig fra åen, Kelly. (Kelly's Creek.)

Copenhagen: Gyldendal 1978.

In the two months Kelly has been in the special class, he hasn't made any progress, and until he does, he is forbidden by his parents to go to the creek or meet the biology student who is his friend.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Deafness

Southall, Ivan: Lad ballonen gå. (Let the balloon go.)

Copenhagen: Branner og Korch 1977.

Sloughing off his mother's nervous advice about limiting his activities, the twelve-year-old cerebral-palsied John climbs a tree and hopes everyone will see his triumph.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Zwicky, Rigmor: Du og den blinde. (You and the blind.) Photos: Per Wilmann.

Copenhagen: Dansk Blindesamfund 1977.

Answers to many questions about being blind - causes of blindness, how other senses can be trained and so on.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Matute, Ana Maria: El Saltamontes verde. (The green grasshopper.) Ill.: Cesca Jaume.

Barcelona: Editorial Lumen 1960.

Yungo is a little deaf boy. Because he can't hear he is also unable to speak and has no friends. One day he finds a green grasshopper which becomes his only friend. Yungo could get rid of his deafness by killing his friend but he doesn't want to do that.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Deafness

Matute, Ana Maria: Paulina. (Paulina.) Ill.: Cesca Jaume.

Barcelona: Editorial Lumen 1969.

A little orphan, who lives with his grand parents, makes friends with a blind boy of his own age.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Blindness

Ruiz Acosta, Juan: Tienes que vivir. (You must live!)

(Madrid): Santillana (1964).

After an accident a cave explorer is paralysed below the hips. His family and his friends help him to start a new life.

Reading age: 13-14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

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Espinàs, Josep Maria: Els germans petits de tothom. (Everyone's little brother.)

Ill.: Eulàlia Sariola.

Barcelona: La Galera 1969.

A story of two brothers. The older takes care of his younger mongoloid brother.

Reading age: 7 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Argel, Cécile d': Pampelune, chien trouvé. (Pampelune, the dog they found.)

Ill.: Pierre Leguen.

Paris: Presses de la cité, dép. G.P. 1967.

The authentic story of 10 year old François, his younger sister, Claudia, and their dog Pampelune. Their mother cannot move after an accident. But thanks to the devotion of the children she recovers.

Reading age: 8-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Armstrong, William H.: Un jour, un enfant noir ... (Amer. orig. title: Sounder.)

Ill.: Frédéric Clément.

Paris: Ed. de l'Amitié, Rageot 1979.

This is the story of a black boy, of his father who has been sent to forced labour, and the dog Sounder injured by a wicked man.

Reading age: 10-13 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Axline, Virginia: Dibs. (Amer. orig. title: Dibs in search of self.)

Paris: Garnier-Flammarion 1977.

Dibs was a profoundly disturbed child. This is the account of his gradually developing a strong personality thanks to psycho-therapy.

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Emot.handic.

Bazin, Hervé: Vipère au poing. (With the viper in the fist.)

Caen: Laurence Olivier Four 1974.

Printed in big letters for people with a poor sight. An autobiography.

Reading age: 14 / 1 - Blindness

Becker, Antoinette: Je suis comme vous. (I am like you; Germ. orig. title: Ich bin doch auch wie ihr.) Photos: Elisabeth Niggemeyer.

Paris: Le Centurion 1979.

The life of some handicapped children is described. The photographs as well as the text contribute to show their abilities and their skills.

Reading age: 10 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Berge, F./Dillard, M.: Sandro va au carnaval. (Sandro goes to the carnival.)

Paris: Ed. R.E.M.I. 1976,

This is an adaptation of David Fletcher's "Angelo va au carneval". It has been written for deaf children.

Reading age: 12 / 1 - Deafness

Berna, Paul: Le champion. (The champion.) Ill.: Pierre Leguen.

Paris: Ed. G.P. 1959.

Tony Clément is already 14. He has had polio but did not recover completely. His teacher in gymnastics encourages him. Tony wants to become a swimming champion.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Bouju, Martine: Vous avez dit pauvres d'esprit? (Did you say feeble-minded?)

Paris: Ed. Fleurus 1980.

The author is married to a social worker, also working in this field. She describes in a very tender but realistic way, in short chapters, her experiences with handicapped children and adults.

Reading age: 14 / 1-2-3 Ment.handic.

Brown, Christy: Du pied gauche. (Amer. orig. title: My left foot.)

Paris: Ed. Robert Laffont 1971.

An autobiographical novel of a boy who suffers from spastic paralysis.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Buck, Pearl: L'enfant qui ne devait jamais grandir. (Eng. orig. title: The child who never grew.)

Paris: Ed. Stock 1950.

The famous writer narrates the story of her own mentally handicapped daughter.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Carter, Forrest: Petit arbre. (Amer. orig. title: The education of Little Tree.)

Paris: Stock 1979.

A novel about a child that is from another country.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Cervon, Jacqueline: Malik, le garçon sauvage. (Malik the wild boy.) Ill.: Mathieu Romain.

Paris: Magnard 1970.

Malik, the wild boy, makes friends with Djemal as their kites become entangled in the sky. Thanks to his friend, Malik becomes more and more sociable.

Reading age: 8-12 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Cervon, Jacqueline: Sélim, le petit marchand de bonheur. (Sélim, the little merchant of happiness.) Ill.: Bertrand.

Paris: Société nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1967.

Sélim sells happiness near the mosque of Bayezit. He has a white rabbit, Yazi, that selects slips of paper on which a sentence of wisdom is written. But one day Yazi disappears. In his search Sélim meets a deaf girl that moves him profoundly.

Reading age: 8-12 / 2 - Deafness

Chicaud, Marie-Bernard: Les enfants de petite taille. (Children that remain small.)

Paris: Ed. Fleurus 1979.

To be smaller than the others, that is what Sister Marie-Bernard has experienced herself. This is a guide for parents and educators; what to do and how to react.

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Christiaens, J.: Tu seras heureuse, Rita. (You will be happy, Rita.) Ill.: Pierre Leguen.

Paris: Société Nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1963.

Rita is blind. She is an adopted child who lives a happy life at home until a jealous friend tells her the truth about her being adopted.

Reading age: 7-10 / 1-2 Blindness

Christiaens, J.: Le vainqueur de la nuit ou la vie de Louis Braille. (The conqueror of the night.) Ill.: Gilles Valdès.

Paris: Société Nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1973.

This exemplary biography of Louis Braille, the inventor of the alphabet that bears his name, is written in a very simple and clear style, with documentation.

Reading age: 10 / 2-3 - Blindness

Christiaens, J.: Sambo, le petit Camerounais. (Sambo, the little Cameroun boy.)

Ill.: Michel Gourlier.

Paris: Société nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1965.

Sambo's village burns down when he is only three. He lives with missionaries for a time. Later his uncle takes him to his home where he lives with his cousins. But then Sambo becomes ill. He must leave his new family for a faraway town. What will become of him?

Reading age: 7-12 / 2 - Generally handic.

Combes, Claudette: Les enfants de la joie. (The children of joy.)

Paris: Laffont 1980.

This is the report of a successful adventure. The author and her husband act as foster-parents for 15 children from different countries.

Reading age: 12 / 2-3 - Soc.handic.

Combes, Claudette: Les étoiles naissent de la nuit. (Stars are born from the night.)

Paris: Laffont 1980.

A passionate report of a real experience. How the author and her husband acting as foster-parents succeed in helping a youngster out of crime and misery.

Reading age: 14 / 2-3 - Emot.handic.

Copeland, James: Pour l'amour d'Anne: La solitude vaincue. (Amer. orig. title: For the love of Ann.)

Paris: Ed. Fleurus 1975.

A fascinating and encouraging report on the mental development of Anne, who was given up by doctors as an autist child. But, her parents succeeded in leading her back to normality.

Reading age: 14 / 2-3 - Ment.handic.

Coué, Jean: Pierre est vivant. (Pierre is alive.)

Paris: Editions de l'Amitié 1977.

Pierre is totally handicapped after a serious automobile accident. He is blind, deaf, mute and paralysed. After one year in a hospital he finally begins to make contact with the world around him.

Reading age: 13 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Courbeyre, Jean: Cap sur la vie. (Direction to life.)

Paris: Laffont 1972.

A 15 year old boy who has been severely injured in an accident finds his way back to life.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Daudet, Alphonse: Lettres de mon moulin. (Letters from my mill.)

Caen: Laurence Olivier Four 1975.

A classic of French literature of the 19th century, for people with poor sight. This editor publishes many books printed with big letters.

Reading age: 12 / 1 - Blindness

Deacon, Joseph John: Joey. (Eng. orig. title: Joey Tongue Tied.)

Paris: Ed. Fleurus 1979.

Joey cannot communicate with other people and has lived since 1928 in an institution. There he meets three friends. With their help he writes down his history.

Reading age: 14 / 1-2 - Generally handic.

Doman, Glenn: Les guérir est un devoir. (Amer. orig. title: What to do about your brain-injured child.)

Paris: Epi 1980.

Glenn Doman, pioneer in the treatment of cerebral injuries, brings hope to thousands of children, who cannot be operated on.

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Phys.handic.

Dufayet, Pierre/Davinroy, P./Bodin, G.: Adrien. (Adrien.) Ill.: G. Bodin.

Paris: L'Ecole des Loisirs 1974.

This is the story of a little boy who looks for friends and tries to become integrated in school. But all his efforts end in half-failures. The illustrations are unfinished so as to encourage children to invent the details of the story on their own.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Dufayet, Pierre/Davinroy, P./Bodin, G.: Adrien face au miroir. (Adrien faces the mirror.) Ill.: G. Bodin.

Paris: L'Ecole des Loisirs 1978.

Adrien is lonely even though mirrors reflect his image many times. He is looking for friends and wants cooperation in order to find his place in the world. As in the previous title, the drawings are unfinished.

Reading age: 6 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Echavidre, Benoît: Débile toi-même. (Feeble-minded yourself.)

Paris: Ed. Fleurus 1979.

Benoît is 23 years old, he has the same preoccupations as all youths of his age and works in a collective kitchen. But he has one chromosome too many, and people say he is a mongoloid.

Reading age: 15 / 1-2 - Ment.handic.

Fillol, Luce: Piccolo Pollo de Napoli. (Little Chicken of Naples.) Ill.: Marie-Noelle Cadiau.

Paris: Magnard 1976.

Little Chicken is 10 years old. He lives in a dark street of Naples. He makes friends with his neighbour who is paralysed and dreams of offering her a car to go to the sea.

Reading age: 8-12 / 2 - Generally handic.

Flament, Marc: Dis-moi comment tu marches? (Tell me how you walk?) Ill.: Philippe Daure.

Paris: Hachette 1978.

Sylvia has had polio. She looks and observes and imagines many things.

Reading age: 12 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Frédéric, Hélène/Malinsky, Martin: Martin, un enfant qui battait sa mère.

(Martin, a child who beat his mother.)

Paris: Jean Pierre Belarge 1979.

This book tells a true story about an aggressive and difficult boy since birth. Through psychotherapeutical treatment he slowly finds his way out of his neurosis. The mother and the psychotherapist describe the different steps of his progress.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Fredet, Francine: Mais, Madame, vous êtes la mère. (But, you are the mother.)

Paris: Ed. Le Centurion 1979.

A report written by the mother of Vincent, an autistic child. The parents' daily struggle reveals tenderness as well as courage and pertinacity.

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Gard, Marie: La grippe de Niels. (The influenza of Niels.)

Paris: Editions des femmes.

This book tells in a humorous way the life of a little girl and a little boy after their parents are separated.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Gilles, Michelle: Quand revient la lumière. (When the light returns.) Ill.: Jean Reschofsky.

Paris: Ed. G.P. dép. des Presses de la Cité 1970.

A young girl lives in a village with her parents. They are poor but this simple life means happiness to her. But then an accident occurs in which she is severely burned. A surgeon restores her eyesight.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Blindness

Hellequin, Gervaise: Lionel, coeur-de-pitre. (Lionel, heart of the circus.)

Ill.: Daniel Dupuy.

Paris: Magnard 1965.

Lionel is an acrobat, but one day he falls from the trapeze and is severely injured. He must give up his career. He has lost what he loved most, but then ...

Reading age: 12-15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Hénault, Marcelle: Mon fils Emmanuel. (My son, Emanuel.)

Tours, Paris: Mame 1973.

Manuel's mother tells the story of her mentally handicapped son; the difficulties and problems of the family, friends, teachers and doctors.

Reading age: 13 / 3 - Ment.handic.

Hickok, Lorena A.: L'histoire d'Helen Keller. (Amer. orig. title: Story of Helen Keller.)

Paris: Gallimard/Robert Laffont 1980.

The famous life of Helen Keller, who was deaf, blind and mute.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Hivert, Madeleine: L'enfant du silence. (The child of silence.) Ill.: Marcel Jacquemin.

Paris: Magnard 1958.

Jean, the boy who knows all the noises in the forest, later becomes the courageous boy who saves a little girl in danger, and thus overcomes the anxiety that had condemned him to silence.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Mute

Hong, Edna: La valée de l'amour. (Amer. orig. title: The bright valley of love.)

Photos: Vincent Böckstiegel.

Guebwiller: Ligue pour la lecture de la Bible 1979.

Günther, a neglected child who suffers from rickets; discovers love and life. His personality unfolds in a home in Bethel, Germany.

Reading age: 13 / 1-2 Phys.handic.

Hourdin, Georges: Le malheur innocent. (The pain of the innocent.)

Paris: France-Loisirs 1976.

The author narrates the story of his mentally handicapped daughter who suffers with Trisomie 21. By the patience and Christian faith of her father, the girl was able to learn to swim, dance and to write poems.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Jensen, Virginia Allen: Qui est là? (What is that? Dan. orig. title: Hvad is det?)

Ill.: Dorcas Woodbury Haller.

Paris: Flammarion 1978.

A picture book to be touched. Especially designed to be read by the blind. Five different forms, each with a different surface interact with each other. In two versions: black and white, and in braille.

Reading age: 7 / 1 - Blindness

Kuenzi, Pierre: Jeux créatifs. (Creative games.)

Paris: Delachaux Niestlé Spes éditeur.

A kind of catalogue that shows games with coloured wooden figures. For every set there are many suggestions on how to combine the figures. These games should be especially useful for handicapped children.

Reading age: 4 / 1 - Generally handic.

Langlois, Denise: L'injustice racontée aux enfants. (Injustice told to children.)

Ill.: Françoise Boudignon.

Paris: Les Editions Ouvrières 1978.

In this book the phenomenon of social injustice is described to children: social inequalities, handicaps, foreigners, old age, police, the law and so on. The author wants children to be aware of these problems and to think of remedies.

Reading age: 13 / 1-2 - Generally handic.

Lefranc, Alain: Le courage de vivre: "Pourquoi tu marches toi?" (The courage to live: "Why can you walk?")

Paris: Ed. du Cerf 1976.

The author was paralysed from his 19th year by a shot in his back. He, a sportsman who was free and happy is suddenly condemned to the wheel-chair. After two years in hospitals he tries to explain, to make the others know and understand.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Legrix, Denise: L'espoir triomphe. Vol. II. (Hope triumphs.)

Paris: Ed. Segep-Kent 1968.

Denise Legrix, author and heroine in one person, was born without hands and feet. She grew up in the family of poor peasants. Thanks to her energy, intelligence and belief in her own strength and capability, she learned to walk without feet, to eat, drink, sew, embroider, to paint without hands - and to live.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Gold, Phyllis: Ne me dis pas bonjour. (Amer. orig. title: Please don't say hello.)

Photos: C. Barker.

Paris: Centurion jeunesse 1979.

A nine-year old autistic boy is able to emerge from his shell with the love of his family; and, through them, he receives the love of the neighbourhood children.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Gripe, Maria: Julie et le papa du soir. (The night daddy; Swed. orig. title: Nattpappan.) Ill.: A.C. Martin.

Paris: Ed. d l'Amitié, Rageot 1973.

Julie's mother is not married, she is a nurse and must leave for hospital in the evening. But Julie gets a night daddy and she finds it marvellous ...

Reading age: 9-10 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Gripe, Maria: La fille de papa Pélerine. (The daughter of papa Pelerine; Swed. orig. title: Pappa Pellerins dotter.) Ill.: Kersti Chaplet.

Paris: Ed. de l'Amitié, Rageot 1972.

Loella's parents have left her alone. She must go into a boarding-school. She dreams of her father, but suddenly he is back.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Guillot, René: Le torero de Cordoue. (The torero of Cordoba.) Ill.: François Batet.

Paris: Hachette 1969.

In order to help his friend, Manolo, a little handicapped boy, decides to become a great torero. This novel is at the same time a precise documentation of bull-fighting.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Haar, Jaap ter: Le cauchemar de la nuit. (The night-dream; Dutch orig. title: Het wereldje van beer ligthart.)

Paris: Ed. G.P. 1975.

As the result of an accident; a thirteen year old boy is rendered blind. In the hospital, the other patients try to help him deal with this blow.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Blindness

Härtling, Peter: On l'appelait Filot. (He was Hirbel; Germ; orig. title: Das war der Hirbel.) Ill.: Christa aus dem Siepen.

Paris: Bordas 1979.

When Hirbel was born something happened to him, and he never developed as other children. His parents placed him in a home. But Hirbel likes fun.

Reading age: 10 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Legrix, Denise: Née comme çà. Vol. I. (I was born like that.)

Paris: Ed. Segep-Kent 1967.

Denise Legrix, herself both author and heroine was born without hands and feet. She grew up in the family mileu of poor peasants. Thanks to her energy, intelligence and belief in her own strength and capability, she learned to walk without feet, to eat, drink, sew, embroider, to paint without hands - and to live.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Legrix, Denise: Vivre comme les autres. Vol. III. (To live like the others.)

Paris: Ed. Segep-Kent 1975.

Denise Legrix, herself both author and heroine, was born without hands and feet. She grew up in the family mileu of poor peasants. Thanks to her energy, intelligence and belief in her own strength and capability, she learned to walk without feet, to eat, drink, sew, embroider, to paint without hands - and to live.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Lesueur, Nicole: Le secret du ballon jaune. (The secret of the yellow balloon.)

Ill.: Hervé Lacoste.

Paris: Bourrelier, Colin 1965.

Hélène has had polio. She looks for a friend. One day a yellow balloon bearing a message on it is found by Dominique. But Hélène has forgotten to write her address ...

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Ley, Madeleine: La nuit de la Saint-Sylvain. (The night of Saint-Sylvain.) Ill.: Carlo-Wieland.

Paris: Nathan 1980.

Shows a little girl who cannot walk.

Reading age: 8-9 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Lundqren, Max: L'été ne finira jamais. (The summer will never finish; Swed. orig. title: Sommarflicken.)

Paris: Ed. de l'Amitié, Rageot 1974.

Evy has been sent to a family for the summer; she should help in the household and take care of Peter who is an abnormal child. But there is not much to do. Anne, the mother, reveals to Evy that she had chosen her because she was a bad girl. Slowly Evy relaxes. For Peter it will be the last summer but not for Evy.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Marchon, Annette: Helen, la petite fille du silence de la nuit. (Helen, the little girl of the silent night.) Ill.: Colette Camil. In: Les belles histoires de pomme d'api.

Paris: Bayard-Presse-Jeune 1979.

This is an introduction to the life and work of Helen Keller.

Reading age: 7-9 / 2 - Blindness

Martel, Adrien: Le miracle du Fuji Yama. (The miracle of Fuji Yama.) Ill.: Françoise Boudignon.

Paris: Ed. de l'Amitié, Rageot 1974.

Katsuo, the little Japanese boy, who is blind from birth wants to climb on the sacred mountain Fuji Yama. For this feat of athletic endurance he needs the help of his French friend, Manuel.

Reading age: 10-11 /

Matute, Ana Maria: Nin, Paulina et les lumières dans la montagne. (Nin, Paulina and the lights in the mountain; Span. orig. title: Paulina, el mundo y las estrellas.) Ill.: Patrice Harispe.

Paris: Nathan 1971.

A little orphan, who lives with his grandparents, makes friends with a blind boy of his own age.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Blindness

Monchaux, Marie-Claude: Alexis: Le petit garçon qui n'a jamais marché. (Alexis: The little boy who never walked.) Ill.: Marie-Claude Monchaux.

Paris: Magnard 1979.

A very poetic and optimistic narrative about a paralysed boy, who has to move about in a wheel-chair.

Reading age: 10 / 1 - Phys.handic.

Monchaux, Marie-Claude: Aurélien: Je suis un enfant adopté. (Aurélien: I am an adopted child.) Ill.: Marie-Claude Monchaux.

Paris: Magnard 1977.

A picture book for both parents and children that shows how adoption can be a happy and fulfilling experience. With a brochure dedicated to the parents.

Reading age: 6 / 1-3 - Emot.handic.

Morand, Claude: Phil et le crocodile. (Phil and the crocodile.) Ill.: J.M. Barthélémy.

Paris: Nathan 1979.

Shows a child that has to wear large spectacles.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Morgenstern, Susie: La grosse patate. (The fat potato.) Ill.: Susie Morgenstern.

Paris: Léon Faure 1979.

A humorous self-representation of a fat girl who likes to eat: she worries about it, she laughs about it, she explains why.

Reading age: 5 / 1 - Phys.handic.

Musset, Hannah: Lucy, pas comme les autres. (Eng. orig. title: The untrodden ways.)

Paris: Calmann-Lévy 1977.

Lucy, the second daughter of the author, is a mongoloid. Her mother loves her. Lucy is often ill as a baby but she becomes a lively child and reveals herself as a destructive force in the family. The Mussetts cannot keep her, they must look for a home inspite of their love for her.

Reading age: 15 / 2-3 - Phys.handic.

Ørjasaeter, Tordis: Mon enfant qui ne parlait pas. (My child, who did not speak; Nor. orig. title: Boka om Dag Tore.)

Paris: Ed. du Cerf 1978.

This is the authentic story of Dag Tore the autistic child that could neither speak nor defend himself. It is a most touching report on the incomprehension as well as the helpfulness of the others. The mother of Dag Tore succeeds partly in helping him out of his solitude.

Reading age: 15 / 2-3 - Ment.handic.

Pagès, Marie-Claire: Crape, notre ami dans la mer de Marmara. (Our friend Crape in the sea of Marmara.) Ill.: Ursula Fürst.

Paris: Ecole des Loisirs 1973.

A book for children retarded from emotional problems.

Reading age: 9 / 1 - Emot.handic.

Pays, Jean-François (adapt. from film)

Truffaut, François: L'enfant sauvage. (The wild child.)

Paris: Ed. G.P. dép. des Presses de la Cité 1970.

This novel is based on a true story. When he was found, the wild boy was not able to speak, he knew nothing about human habits. His guardian tries to teach him how to be, how to behave, but he never really succeeds.

Reading age: 12-14 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Peyre, Janine (adapt.)

Defoe, Daniel: Robinson Crusoé. (Eng. orig. title: The life and strange adventures of Robinson Crusoe.)

Paris: Aferla 1972.

This is an adaptation for deaf children of one of our classics of children's literature.

Reading age: 9 / 1 - Deafness

Peyre, Janine (adapt.)

Kästner, Eric: Emile et les détectives. (Emil and the detectives; Germ. orig. title: Emil und die Detektive.)

Paris: Aferla 1977.

This is an adaptation of the well-known novel of Eric Kästner. It has been rewritten by Professor Janine Peyre in simplified language. The story is thus easier to understand by deaf children who find it difficult to grasp complicated descriptions.

Reading age: 9 / 1 - Deafness

Pierjean, Anne: L'innocente. (The innocent.) Ill.: Michel Gourlier.

Paris: Magnard 1969.

Flore is the daughter of a farm family, blond, pale and lives in a dream world. She has never been to school. Père Jérome and a young boy, Sylvain, who came down from the mountains help to awaken her.

Reading age: 12-15 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Poinsenet, Marie-Dominique: Une étoile au fond du gouffre. (A star in the abyss.)

Photos: J.A. Fortier-Cedima.

Paris: Ed. G.P. 1972.

This novel has been written from true facts: the discovery of the grottos of Bétharram and the pilgrimage to Lourdes. It is the story of Malik, a young Moroccan boy, who felt like a stranger and his young handicapped sister, Fatia and a group of children.

Reading age: 11-12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Queysanne Benoît: Gaucho. (Gaucho.) Ill.: Benoît Queysanne.

Paris: L'Ecole des Loisirs 1975.

A funny picture book about the adventures and social experiences of a young hippopotamus who left his country to live in Paris, but he stays in the suburbs and lives there among his immigrant brothers.

Reading age: 3 / 1 - Soc.handic.

Queysanne, Benoît: Gaucho et son bateau. (Gaucho and his boat.) Ill.: Benoît Queysanne.

Paris: L'Ecole des Loisirs 1975.

This time Gaucho migrates to the remote country of his girlfriend who is Chinese. She leads Gaucho to her home, a home that seems to be a little cool.

Reading age: 3 / 1 - Soc. handic.

Reverdi le, Agrève: Ces enfants qui nous questionnent: Les multihandicapés et leur éducation. (These children that ask us questions: The multiple-handicapped and their reeducation.)

Paris: Fleurus 1975.

Le Reverdi cares for children suffering from spastic paralysis, that are at the same time emotionally or socially handicapped. Who are these children, what are their needs?

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Generally handic.

Roux, Roland: On verra bien. (We will see.)

Paris: Fleurus 1979.

This is an autobiographical book. The author was a farmer engaged in the Catholic agriculture youth organization. After having learned a trade he lost his sight in an accident ...

Reading age: 13-15 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Sanchez, Garcia H.L./Pacheco, M.A.: L'enfant qui avait deux yeux. (The boy with two eyes; Span. orig. title: El nino que tenia dos ojos.)

Paris: Dupuis 1978.

The story takes place in a country where everybody has only one eye. One day a boy was born with two eyes. Everybody is worried about this, until the boy grows up, marries and has a child with only one eye.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sand, Georges: La mare au diable. (The haunted pool.)

Caen: Laurence Olivier Four 1976.

A classic of French literature, printed in big letters for people with poor sight. Germain, a farmer and young widower with three children should take a wife for convenience. But on the road to her house, he meets Maria, and they talk all through the night.

Reading age: 13 / 1 - Blindness

Segal, Patrick: L'homme qui marchait dans sa tête. (The man who walked in his head.)

Paris: Flammarion 1977.

Patrick, 24 years old, has been shot in his back. From then on he is condemned to live in a wheel-chair. But his will to live is stronger than any handicap. After hospital and reeducation, he leaves for a journey round the world.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sommerfelt, Aimée: Maya aux yeux bleus. (The road to Agra; Nor. orig: title: Veien til Agra.) Ill.: Luce Lagarde.

Paris: Société nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1963.

Maya is seven years old and lives in India. She has been admitted to the school of her village, but unfortunately she cannot see well. Her brother walks with her to the big city Agra, to find a cure for her failing eyesight.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Sommerfelt, Aimée: Les bungalows blancs. (The white bungalows; Nor. orig. title: Den hvite bungalowen.)

Paris: Société nouvelle des Ed. G.P. 1965.

Continuation of Maya aux yeux bleus.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Steenbuch, Rikke: Moi aussi, je vis. (I'm also living; Nor. orig. title: Ni serg lever også.)

Paris: Ed. du Temps 1960.

Rikke suffers from spastic paralysis. This is the diary she wrote with the help of other persons about her life, her visit to a doctor and hospitals in London, of her daily difficulties and joys.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sylvestre, Anne: L'escalier de Noël. (The stairs of Christmas.)

Caen: Laurence Olivier Four 1978.

A beautiful tale to be read in braille. With beautiful illustrations that can be grasped by touch.

Reading age: 8-9 / 1 - Blindness

Tauvel, Jean-Paul: Contes et histoires du Maghreb: Adaptation en français facile. (Tales and stories of the Maghreb: adaptation into easy French.) Ill.: Gilles Cottin.

Paris: Hachette 1975.

Hachette has published a lot of books that are adapted into easy French for foreigners. These texts are also very useful for deaf children.

Reading age: 9-12 / 1 - Deafness

Taylor, Mildred D.: Tonnerre, entends mon cri. (Amer. orig. title: Roll of thunder, hear my cry.)

Paris: Ed, La Farandole 1979.

The author tells the story of the life of the Black girl, Cassie Logan, and her large, happy family made up of cotton farmers. The novel takes place in Mississipi, in the year 1933. Men shouldn't be judged from the colour of their skin.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Taylor, Theodore: Le petit garçon dans l'île. (Amer. orig. title: The cay.)

Ill.: Jean Retailleau.

Paris: Ed. G.P. 1972.

Young Philip loses his sight after a blow on his head. An old man compels him to fight for self-sufficiency.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

Tolstoj, Lev Nikolaevic: Contes et histoires vraies de Russie. (Russian tales and stories; Russ. orig. title: Rasskazy i byli.) Ill.: Michel Gay.

Paris: L'Ecole des Loisirs 1979.

This is an example of a simple text that can be more easily understood by retarded children.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Valère, Valérie: Le pavillon des enfants fous. (The house of crazy children.)

Paris: Stock 1978.

The "House of crazy children" is the ward for children in the psychiatric hospital where Valérie was brought when she was 13.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Verly, Jacqueline: Cathri de la Pierre Sauvage. (Cathri of the Wild Stone.)

Ill.: Jacqueline Verly.

Paris: Ed. G.P. 1976.

This novel takes place at the end of the last century on a farm in the Hautes-Vosges where cheese was fabricated. Cathri, 13 years old, has to take care of the whole family, but life on an isolated farm is very hard.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Soc.handic.

Victor, Gine: Les yeux perdus. (Lost eyes.) Ill. G.Y.S. Delbord.

Paris: Alsatia 1974.

At 17, François Demèse loses his sight in an accident. The author tells in a very unemotional way, how François learns to overcome his despair thanks to his friends, to his dog, and the shepherd, Vieux-Pierre.

Reading age: 10-14 / 2 - Blindness

Wymer, Norman: Helen Keller, petite fille. (Eng. orig. title: The young Helen Keller.) Ill.: Jean Retailleau.

Paris: Ed. G.P. dép. des Presses de la Cité 1970.

For young readers, the childhood of Helen Keller, who from childhood was deaf, mute and blind, but became a graduate of university.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Blindness

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Allan, Mabel Esther: Ship of danger.

London: Heinemann 1974.

Nola, who lost her hearing in a bomb blast in Ireland, uses speech-reading skills and observes a plot to bomb.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Andrew, Prudence: Mister O'Brien.

London: Heinemann 1972.

Christopher, lame and overprotected, grows more self-reliant when he meets Mister O'Brien, a mysterious but cheerful man with only one leg.

Reading age: 10 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Bawden, Nina: The witch's daughter.

London: Gollancz 1966.

Lonesome Perdita, who can see into the future, makes friends with blind Janey and her brother, Tim. Perdita comes to realize that her power is not witchcraft but a special talent after going through adventures with Janey and Tim and some jewel thieves.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Brown, Roy: Collision course.

London: Anderson Pr. 1980.

In a down phase after a traumatic motorcycle accident, David Green holds himself away from everyone: doctors in the mental ward, his family, until he escapes and wanders in a nearby city, seemingly searching for someone, but also leaning toward suicide.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Butler, Beverly: Gift of gold.

London: G.K. Hall 1974.

Cathy is blind but determined to become a speech therapist. In spite of being opposed by the head of the college speech department, she goes on to work with and help all types of people with therapy.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Cunningham, Julia: Burnish me bright.

London: Heinemann 1971.

A mute orphan boy lives with villagers seemingly unfriendly because he is different. His friendship with a dying mime helps him to learn a skill which gives him inner strength for survival and understanding others.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Deacon, Joseph John: Tongue Tied.

London: National Society for mentally handicapped children 1979.

Since 1928 Joey cannot communicate with other people and lives in an institution. There he meets three friends. With their help he writes down "his" history.

Reading age: 14 / 1 - Ment.handic.

Dickinson, Peter: Annerton Pit.

London: Gollancz 1977.

Jake, blind, rode with his brother on his motorcycle north to Annerton Pit. When the two became involved in a dramatic, suspenseful plot down in the mine and were without a light, Jake was able to outwit and "outsee" the criminals.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Fanshawe, Elizabeth: Rachel. Ill.: Michael Charlton.

London: Bodley Head 1975.

Although Rachel uses a wheel-chair, she is a young, average child and participates fully in school, ignoring the inconvenience.

Reading age: 5-8 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Fitzerald, John D.: Great Brain.

London: Dent 1976.

Andy steps on a nail and the subsequent infection is so severe that the leg must be amputated. Ten-year-old Tom, the great brain, assists Andy in regaining self-confidence and physical mobility.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Garfield, Leon: Black Jack. Ill.: Anthony Maitland.

London: Longman Young 1968.

Tolly becomes entangled in the life of Black Jack, a notorious criminal. Tolly meets Belle, sentenced to Dr. Jones' Madhouse, and she joins him in the caravan of a travelling medicine man. Black Jack tricks her back to the asylum, even though she is improving, and later rescues her. A romantic and amusing novel.

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Gold, Phyllis: Please don't say hello.

London: Human Sciences Press 1977.

A nine-year-old autistic boy is able to emerge from his shell with the love of his family, and, through them, he receives the love of the neighbouring children.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Griffiths, Helen: The wild horse of Santander.

London: Hutchinson 1966.

Joaquin forms a close relationship with the foal, Linda. When he goes away for an operation, Linda becomes so wild that she has to be shot just as Joaquin returns, cured, to look for her.

Reading age: 13-15 / 2 - Blindness

Griffiths, Helen: Witch fear.

London: Hutchinson 1975.

Accusations of witchcraft against a mute girl who had been found in a forest and given to a family bring to light her background. She had been given when a baby to a woman accused of being a witch, then tortured and hanged. The child watched this. A story of ignorance and cruelty being overcome by love and faith.

Reading age: 13-15 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Harris, Rosemary: Bright and morning star.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1978.

Young boy Sadhi, mute and deaf, is taken away from his overprotective mother and given to Hekhti, seer and healer in Ancient Egypt. By his treatment Sadhi changes into a reasonable person.

Reading age: 13 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Henry, Marguerite: King of the wind.

London: Collins 1973.

A mute stable boy accompanies a famous horse on the trip across the seas to France and England. Devotion, faith, loyalty all are woven into this outstanding story.

Reading age: 10-13 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Hunter, Mollie: Stronghold.

London: Pan Books 1978.

Coll, eighteen, with a crippled leg, has a plan for resistance against Roman invasion which is not agreed to by all the tribe's members. How could a cripple lead a tribe?

Reading age: 15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Jensen, Virginia Allen/Edman, Polly: Red thread riddles.

London: Collins 1980.

For blind or partially sighted children, the reader follows the raised thread which leads one from clues to answers. Text in both print and braille. Illustrations in coloured, raised print.

Reading age: 5-8 / 1 - Blindness

Jessel, Camilla: Mark's wheelchair adventures.

London: Methuen 1975.

A photographic documentary about Mark, who suffers from spina bifida, and the friends he makes when his family moves to a new housing estate.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Levine, Edna Simon: Lisa and her soundless world.

London: Human Sciences Press 1977.

Lisa is a little girl with impaired hearing who learns to use and understand speech.

Reading age: 6-10 / 2 - Deafness

Marshall, Alan: I can jump puddles.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1974.

This is the autobiography of a boy, who, crippled by polio, refuses to regard himself as handicapped and finally achieves his ambition to become a writer.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

McCracken, Mary: Lovey.

London: Sphere 1978.

A true story of eight-year-old Hannah's struggle toward a normal life in spite of being emotionally disturbed.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Nesbit, Edith: Harding's luck.

London: Benn 1975.

Lame Dick Harding, brought up in a Deptford slum, travels to the time of James I where he meets his cousins Edred and Elfrida and adventures begin.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Peter, Diana: Claire and Emma.

London: Black 1976.

Two deaf sisters learn to lip-read and speak.

Reading age: 6-8 / 2 - Deafness

Peterson, Palle: Sally can't see.

London: Black 1976.

A twelve-year-old blind girl learns to read, swim and ride a horse.

Reading age: 8 / 2 - Blindness

Peyton, K.M.: Flambards.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1976.

Christina, 12 years old, goes to live with an uncle and 2 cousins in an old country house, "Flambards". Mark, the older cousin, is caught up in the horse world, while William wants to fly and rebels against his father's wishes and way of life.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Rayson, Steven: Crows of war.

London: Gollancz 1974.

In this stark work of historical fiction enriched with mythic themes, Airmid, daughter of a tribe's leader, is kidnapped by the Romans and blinded.

Reading age: 15 / 3 - Blindness

Rinaldo, C.L.: Dark dreams.

London: Gollancz 1975.

Carlo, who has rheumatic fever, is apprehensive about playing with a gang.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Robinson, Veronica: David in silence.

London: Deutsch 1965.

David's deafness creates initial misunderstanding, but by his demonstration of courage he is gradually accepted by the other children.

Reading age: 10-12 / 2 - Mute

Rodowski, Colby F.: What about me?

London: Watts 1977.

Torn between love for her mongoloid brother and feelings that she is neglected, confined, and ignored because of him, Dorrie struggles through her sophomore year in high-school.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Shennan, Victoria: Ben. Ill.: Michael Charlton.

London: Bodley Head 1980.

Colorful illustrations with short text for pre-school and primary children showing Ben, suffering from mongolism, going to school, his activities there, and his play-time with his family in a park.

Reading age: 3-7 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Smith, Vian: Martin rides the moor.

London: Kestrel 1980.

After Martin loses his hearing in an accident, his world has changed, making him an outsider. His resentment slowly leaves when the moorland pony given him needs his help. Their working together in a blizzard helps his self-confidence, and the growing love and companionship between the two brings back to Martin a feeling of his own worth.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Deafness

Southall, Ivan: Hill's end.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1970.

During a climb to mountain caves by a teacher and seven children, Butch, a retarded member of the group, stops along the way to rest. After a cyclone hits, the teacher is terrified and goes back to try to find him. She collapses near Butch, who finds her and takes care of her. The others discover them, and it becomes the children's responsibility for their own survival.

Reading age: 12-14 / 2 - Ment.handic.

Southall, Ivan: Let the baloon go.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1972.

John, a twelve-year-old cerebral-palsied boy, has been over-protected by his mother. One day when she goes to the city, his longing to do something on his own overcomes her warnings and he decides to build a tree house. He climbs to the treetop, is stuck there for a while, afraid to come down. Then he overcomes his fear, comes down by himself, and gains a new freedom.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Spence, Eleanor: The nothing place.

Oxford: Oxford University Press 1972.

Recovered from an illness that left him with a severe hearing loss, Glen is very anxious to conceal this problem.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Spence, Eleanor: The October child.

Oxford: Oxford University Press 1976.

A sympathetic story showing through the eyes of a son, Douglas, how the birth of a handicapped child can disrupt an entire family.

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Emot.handic.

Stewart, Agnes Charlotte: Elizabeth's tower.

London: Faber 1972.

Elizabeth, living with her aunt while her father is away in the army, encounters a lame stranger. Some mysterious and dangerous events follow.

Reading age: 12-15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sutcliff, Rosemary: Warrior Scarlet.

Oxford: Oxford University Press 1958.

A handicapped boy's battle for acceptance by his tribe in prehistoric Britain.

Reading age: 14 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Sutcliff, Rosemary: Witch's brat.

Oxford: Oxford University Press 1970.

Lovell, lame and with a crippled arm, is driven out of his village, but he finally finds his handicaps a help in his understanding and care of the sick in a hospital.

Reading age: 14 / 1-2 - Phys.handic.

Taylor, Theodore: The cay.

London: Heinemann 1973.

Phillip, suddenly blinded during a shipwreck, and a Black man both struggle on a small island for survival. The boy's attitude towards Black people changes as the man helps him and his sensitiveness and appreciation develop.

Reading age: / 2 - Blindness

Treece, Henry: The dream-time.

Sevenoaks: Brockhampton 1967.

Lame Crookleg is different - he dreams of co-operation between tribes and of making pictures instead of fighting. A story of his wanderings.

Reading age: 13-15 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Treece, Henry: Viking's sunset.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1967.

In this legend-tale the Indian chief's son, Heome, who can't use his mauled hands, is presented in a negative manner.

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Walsh, Jill Paton: Goldengrove.

London: Macmillan 1972.

Each summer Madge and Paul, cousins, return to Goldengrove, their grandmother's home near the sea. On meeting Paul, a blind professor living nearby, Madge is attracted to him. Rejected by him, and earlier by her father, Madge turns to Paul, then learns that he is her brother.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Blindness

Watson, Simon: The partisan.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1976.

In challenging the leader of a destructive, aggressive gang, the young asthmatic Dom shows much strength of character.

Reading age: 13 / 2 - Phys.handic.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls: By the shores of Silver Lake.

Guildford: Lutterworth 1961.

Although Ma will never see again, the family concentrate all their efforts on saving enough money to send her to a special school. A picture of life in the pioneering days of America

Reading age: 12 / 2 - Blindness

Wilder, Laura Ingalls: Little town on the prairie.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1969.

This fictionalized autobiography is a classic in this field. It provides a warm model of a pioneer family and their concern for a young adult with an impairment (blind Mary).

Reading age: 9 / 2 - Blindness

Wilder, Laura Ingalls: These happy golden years.

Harmondsworth: Penguin 1970.

This pioneer family series continues as Mary, the blind older sister, is away at college. Her visits home show she has become mature and competent with a happy nature; that different age levels require different responsibilities in a family.

Reading age: 9-12 / 2 - Blindness

Wrightson, Patricia: I own the racecourse.

London: Hutchinson 1968.

Andy, mentally slow, knows that he has bought the racecourse for three dollars. He spends his time there and becomes friends with the track people. Adults and children like and protect him, and he is able to keep his belief that he is really the owner.

Reading age: 11-13 / 2 - Ment.handic.